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THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

A. D. 1908.

The Synod of New York met, agreeably to appointment, in the Rondout Church, Kingston, N. Y., October 20th, A. D., 1908, at half past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon, prepared by the Moderator, the Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, D.D., of the Presbytery of Steuben, and read by the Vice-Moderator, Rev. John F. Carson, D.D., on Mark 13:34, "To every man his work" and John 6:12, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost."

The Synod was organized with prayer by the Vice-Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries:

ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Alexander Rankin, D.D.,	Judge Edgar A. Spencer,
Henry T. McEwen, D.D.,	Hon. Charles O. Cross,
Charles A. Richmond, D.D.,	Augustus S. Brandow, (2),
Henry W. Tolson,	John H. Parnell, (2),
John C. Knox,	James A. Goodrich,
Charles McKenzie, (2).	James Rodgers.

II. BINGHAMTON.

G. Murray Colville, D.D.,	Emerson F. Smith.
David S. Curry, (2),	
R. Spencer Young, (2).	

III. BOSTON.

Horace C. Hovey, D.D.,
James Alexander, LL.D,
John J. Hall,
William A. Brown, Ph.D.,
Lester M. Conrow, (2).
John W. Armour,
Robert J. Richardson.

IV. BROOKLYN.

Edwin D. Bailey, D.D.,
John F. Carson, D.D.,
Stefano D. Testa,
Edward L. Tibbals,
Ira W. Henderson, (2),
Gurdon H. Eggleston, (2),
John J. Macdonald.
James Mitchell,
John J. Creveling
George P. Conard,
Wilfred S. Boult,
Ira Goddard,
Charles W. Seymour.

V. BUFFALO.

Henry Ward, D.D.,
Andrew V. V. Raymond, D.D. (2),
Rice V. Hunter, D.D.,
Edwards P. Cleaveland,
Louis F. Ruf,
Harry H. Hubbell.
Hamilton D. Bennie,
G. B. Rich, (2),
Edward Wahl,
Henry Lapp, M.D,.

VI. CAYUGA.

William H. Hubbard, D.D.,
George B. Stewart, D.D. (2),,
Vernon N. Yergin.
William H. Van Sickle,
Henry A. Hompe.

VII. CHAMPLAIN.

VIII. CHEMUNG.

Arthur Dougal,
Selden L. Haynes.
John Griffen,
Frank M. DeMun.

IX. CHILE.

X. COLUMBIA.

Charles E. Herbert.
Charles A. Elliott,
Brainard O. Peck.

XI. EASTERN PERSIA.

XII. GENESEE.

Farley Porter,
John M. Boggs, D. D.,
William C. Donnan,
J. Corwin Jacks.

XIII. GENEVA.

Henry A. Porter,
William W. Weller.
Cassius N. McFarren.

XIV. HUDSON.

Edward Scofield,
John H. Thompson,
Robert I. MacBride,
Robert H. Herron,
John W. Hoyt,
Daniel H. McElroy,
George H. King,
Withrop S. Gilman,
John G. Brooks, (2).

XV. LONG ISLAND.

Charles E. Craven,
George R. Brauer,
Harry S. Dunning.
Selah B. Strong,
William J. Post,
Emmett J. Howell.

XVI. LYONS.

Luther A. Ostrander, D.D.,
Henry T. Scholl.
George W. Haight,
Edwin W. Danford.

XVII. NASSAU.

Alexander G. Russell, (2),
Frank M. Kerr, D.D.,
Charles S. Tator.
Charles G. Sands,
Erwin N. Rowley.

XVIII. NEW YORK.

George Alexander, D.D.,
Duncan J. McMillan, D.D., (2),
Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D.,
Jesse F. Forbes, D.D.,
Francis E. Marsten, D.D.,
Rush Taggart, (2),
Thomas Cochrane,
Robert Wallace,
William B. Hills, D.D.S.,
James Yereance,

William R. Richards, D.D.,
David G. Wylie, D.D.,
Lee W. Beattie,
John R. Mackay, Ph.D.,
George R. Montgomery.
Joseph E. Messenger, M.D.,
James L. Beyea, M.D.,
Nathaniel Laird,
James Anderson,
Frederick Bruckbauer.

XIX. NIAGARA.

Horace T. Chadsey,
S. Dwight Waterbury,
William F. Evans,
Augustus J. Hathaway.

XX. NORTH LAOS.

XXI. NORTH RIVER.

James A. McGowan,
William Parker,
Charles G. Ellis,
Albert C. Busch.
Charles O. Polhemus,
Edmund P. Platt,
William Van Dewater.

XXII. OTSEGO.

James H. Robinson, D.D.,
Julius F. Wolff,
Andrew M. Forrester.
A. J. Scott,
James E. Goodsell.

XXIII. PORTO RICO.

XXIV. ROCHESTER.

William D. Jones,
George C. Frost, (2),
Samuel W. Steele,
Henry F. Gilt,
Walter E. Price,
Harry H. Barstow.
William F. Parry,
J. H. Stevens,
James B. Given,
Robert S. Paviour,
David M. Jacklin,

XXV. ST. LAWRENCE.

Daniel J. Many, Jr.,
Almon T. Fuller,
J. Wilson Brainard,
Victor H. Lukens.
William R. Ventres,
Arthur E. Cushman,
William Rodger.
Edward B. Sterling, (2).

XXVI. SIAM.

XXVII. STEUBEN.

Evan R. Evans, Ph.D.,
John C. Ball, D.D.,
Frank E. Van Wie.
Sebastian G. Lewis,
L. Marshall Dennis.

XXVIII. SYRACUSE.

Alexander Wouters,
John McL. Richardson,
Murray S. Howland.
Thomas Hooker, (2),
John F. Roberts, (2),
Charles Waterbury.

XXIX. TROY.

George Fairlee,
J. Milton Thompson, D.D.,
C. Waldo Cherry,
Lewis S. Chafer, (2).
Charles H. Carpenter,
William R. Ottman,
David L. Sharp,
David C. Philip.

XXX. UTICA.

Samuel A. Freeman, D.D.,
Charles M. Dodge,
Richard H. Hughes, (2),
Arthur J. Dean,
Willard F. Randolph.
John D. C. Miller,
Eddy C. Shumway, (2).

XXXI. WESTCHESTER.

Charles S. Lane,
Adrian V. S. Wallace,
John A. Ingham, D.D.,
Lewis G. Leary, Ph.D.,
Clarence W. Dunham,
Anthony N. Petersen.
Orson W. Sloat,
George E. Reed,
E. Stanley Sloat,
Edward S. Folsom,
James R. Brash.

Rev. James H. Robinson, D.D., a former Moderator was requested to take the chair.

The Rev. John F. Carson, D.D., of the Presbytery of Brooklyn was chosen Moderator and was duly inducted into office.

The Rev. Charles E. Craven, of the Presbytery of Long Island and the Rev. Henry T. Scholl, of the Presbytery of Lyons, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The Rev. Charles G. Ellis, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, after an address of welcome reported the following recommendations, which were adopted:

That the theme of the Session be "The Presbyterian Church as a Spiritual Force," and that the following order be adopted subject to such changes as may need to be made during its progress; that the morning sessions begin at nine o'clock A.M. and close at 12.30 P.M., the afternoon sessions at two o'clock P.M. and close at five; that the evening sessions begin at eight o'clock; that the first half hour each morning be spent in devotional exercises.

The Moderator and Stated Clerk were constituted a committee to convey the greetings and sympathies of the Synod to the retiring Moderator, Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, D.D., who was detained from the meeting by illness.

After prayer, Synod adjourned until Wednesday morning at nine o'clock.

Wednesday, October 21, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

After prayer, by Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, D.D., business was resumed.

The roll was called, and delegates not previously enrolled, (marked 2) were reported present.

The Minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the appointment of Mr. James Yereance as Vice-Moderator, and also the Standing Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. Bills and Overtures:

Ministers—David G. Wylie, William R. Richards, G. Murray Colville, Robert H. Herron, Robert I. MacBride, J. Milton Thompson, Henry Ward, Edward L. Tibbals.

Elders—Cassius N. McFarren, Robert Wallace, James Mitchell, Edmund P. Platt, William J. Post, Henry Lapp, Winthrop S. Gilman.

2. Judicial Business:

Ministers—William H. Hubbard, Edwin D. Bailey, James H. Robinson, Horace C. Hovey, Samuel A. Freeman, Rice V. Hunter, Adrian V. S. Wallace, J. Wilson Brainard.

Elders—Edgar A. Spencer, Selah B. Strong, Ira Goddard, George H. King, Edwin W. Danford, Arthur E. Cushman, James E. Goodsell.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly:

Ministers—Charles S. Lane, Henry A. Porter, John R. Mackay.

Elders—A. J. Scot+, David M. Jacklin.

4. Finance:

Elders—George P. Conard, James Rodgers, William C. Donnan, Thomas Cochrane, Sebastian G. Lewis.

5. Leave of Absence:

Ministers—Samuel W. Steele, S. Dwight Waterbury, Charles E. Herbert, Edward Scofield, John J. Macdonald.

Elders—George W. Haight, Charles Waterbury, Frederick Bruckbauer, William F. Evans.

6. Nomination of Visitors to Colleges and Seminaries:

Ministers—William W. Weller, George Fairlee, Frank M. Kerr, John A. Ingham, Francis E. Marsten.

Elders—Edwin W. Danford, Orson W. Sloat, Joseph E. Messenger, Charles G. Sands.

7. Nomination of Woman's Committee on Home Missions:

Ministers—George Alexander, James A. McGowan, Arthur J. Dean, Anthony N. Petersen, George R. Brauer.

Elders—Brainard O. Peck, L. Marshall Dennis, David I. Sharp, John D. C. Miller.

8. Nomination of Trustees of Synod, Etc.:

Ministers—Charles A. Richmond, Vernon N. Yergin, Daniel J. Many, Jr., Frank E. Van Wie, Clarence W. Dunham.

Elders—William R. Ottman, Frank M. De Mun, E. Stanley Sloat, Robert Wallace.

9. Committee to Collate Reports on Records of Presbyteries:

Ministers—Jesse F. Forbes, Horace T. Chadsey, Selden L. Haynes.

Elders—Charles A. Elliott, Emmett J. Howell.

10. Committee to Nominate the Permanent Committees for the Next Two Years:

Ministers—Henry T. McEwen, C. Waldo Cherry, Charles M. Dodge.

Elders—William Rodger, Charles H. Carpenter.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

1. Albany: *Ministers*—Harry S. Dunning, Edward Scofield; *Elder*—Daniel H. McElroy.

2. Binghamton: *Ministers*—John W. Hoyt, Harry H. Hubbell; *Elder*—Cassius N. McFarren.

3. Boston: *Ministers*—Louis F. Ruf, Stefano L. Testa; *Elder*—Hamilton D. Bennie.

4. Brooklyn: *Ministers*—Edwards P. Cleaveland, Charles E. Herbert; *Elder*—Edward Wahl.

5. Buffalo: *Ministers*—Harlan G. Mendenhall, John C. Knox; *Elder*—James A. Goodrich.

6. Cayuga: *Ministers*—Henry W. Tolson, John J. Hall; *Elder*—John M. Armour.

7. Champlain: *Ministers*—Farley Porter, Julius F. Wolff; *Elder*—J. Corwin Jacks.

8. Chemung: *Ministers*—William D. Jones, Andrew M. Forrester; *Elder*—J. H. Stevens.

9. Chile: (No Records).

10. Columbia: *Ministers*—Victor H. Lukens, Alexander Wouters; *Elder*—Charles Waterbury.

11. Eastern Persia: (No Records).

12. Genesee: *Ministers*—Anthony N. Petersen, Robert I. MacBride; *Elder*—David C. Philip.

13. Geneva: *Ministers*—John McL. Richardson, S. Dwight Waterbury; *Elder*—A. J. Scott.

14. Hudson: *Ministers*—Henry A. Porter, Charles S. Tator; *Elder*—Erwin N. Rowley.

15. Long Island: *Ministers*—John R. Mackay, Lewis G. Leary; *Elder*—George E. Reed.

16. Lyons: *Ministers*—Almon T. Fuller, Harry H. Barstow; *Elder*—James B. Given.

17. Nassau: *Ministers*—Vernon N. Yergin, Edward L. Tibbals; *Elder*—Wilfred S. Boult.

18. New York: *Ministers*—Adrian V. S. Wallace, Alexander Rankin; *Elder*—George W. Haight.

19. Niagara: *Ministers*—John A. Ingham, Walter E. Price; *Elder*—James Rodgers.

20. North Laos: (No Records).

21. North River: *Ministers*—Arthur Dougal, Charles E. Craven; *Elder*—Emmett J. Howell.

22. Otsego: *Ministers*—Alexander Rankin, William Parker; *Elder*—Charles O. Cross.

23. Porto Rico: *Ministers*—George R. Brauer, George R. Montgomery; *Elder*—Nathaniel Laird.

24. ROCHESTER: *Ministers*—Francis E. Marsten, Duncan J. McMillan; *Elder*—William B. Hills.

25. ST. LAWRENCE: *Ministers*—Horace T. Chadsey, Clarence W. Dunham; *Elder*—L. Marshall Dennis.

26. SIAM: (No Records).

27. STEUBEN: *Ministers*—C. Waldo Cherry, James Alexander; *Elder*—David C. Philip.

28. SYRACUSE: *Ministers*—John M. Boggs, Selden L. Haynes; *Elder*—John Griffen.

29. TROY: *Ministers*—Murray S. Howland, William A. Brown; *Elder*—Robert J. Richardson.

30. UTICA: *Ministers*—Evan R. Evans, G. Murray Colville; *Elder*—Charles W. Seymour.

31. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—Luther A. Ostrander, James A. McGowan; *Elder*—William Van Dewater.

Overtures and other papers and the records of the Presbyteries, were called for and placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

Rev. John G. Van Slyke, D.D. of the Synod of the Reformed Church in America, Rev. W. M. Pringle of the Hudson River Baptist Association, and the Rev. Charles Lott Palmer of the Ulster Classis of the Reformed Church, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The following papers were received and on the recommendation of the Stated Clerk were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

1. An Overture from the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Mass., to be transferred from the care of the Presbytery of Westchester, to the Presbytery of Boston.

2. Overtures from certain churches in Nassau Presbytery to be transferred from that Presbytery to the care of the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

An Overture from North River Presbytery relating to the changing of the boundaries of Presbyteries was referred to the existing Committee on that subject.

The following papers were referred to the Committee on Judicial Business:

1. An appeal from Rev. R. J. Campbell from a decision of the Presbytery of Buffalo.

2. An Appeal and Complaint of certain Elders against the action of the Presbytery of New York, relative to Westminster Church, New York City.

3. An Appeal and Complaint in reference to the dissolution of Westminster Church, New York City.

The Rev. Charles McKenzie invited the Synod to hold its next stated meeting in the First Church, Johnstown. The invitation was accepted with the hearty thanks of the Synod and the session of that church was appointed the Committee of Arrangements for the meeting.

The Treasurer's report was presented, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee of Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report which was accepted:

In the face of decreasing numbers of ministerial candidates, the Seminary has held its own. Sixty-two students have been enrolled and twenty-seven graduated this year, every graduate entering immediately upon active service in the Church.

Financially, the year shows prudent administration and wise enlargement, the current expenses having been fully met and invested funds increased to $806,000. The improvements contemplated last year in building and in campus have in large part been made: Morgan Hall renovated and equipped with reference library, a modest athletic field prepared, two properties adjoining the campus secured for professors' houses, and the President's house well advanced toward completion.

Changes in the faculty have occurred. Rev. Herbert H. Youtz, Ph.D., has become professor of Christian Theology; Rev. William J. Hinke, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Old Testament Theology; and Professor Creelman has succeeded Rev. Willis J. Beecher, D.D., in the chair of Old Testament Language and Literature.

We desire to commend the Seminary for its fruitful service to the needs of the Church and the Kingdom of God; for its positive emphasis upon spiritual cultivation concurrently with intellectual and executive development of its students; for its thoroughly practical preparation of men for the ministry, and for its outlook and effort for broader and richer usefulness. For its past, for its vital present, for its purposed future it is commended to the interest and the support of the Church.

The Committee on the Method of the Appointment of the Permanent Committees of Synod, not being ready to report, requested to be continued for another year and their request was granted.

The Committee on Rest Days for Railroad Employees offered a verbal report which was accepted.

The Committee on Presbyterian Students in Non Presbyterian Institutions presented a verbal report which was accepted and the Committee was continued.

The Committee to report on Increasing Ministers' Salaries, through its Chairman, Rev. John F. Carson, D.D., offered a verbal report which was accepted and the Committee was continued.

The Committee on the Presbyterian Brotherhood reported that no meeting of the Committee had been held on account of the refusal of the Chairman to serve.

It was ordered that a new Committee be apppointed to report next year.

The Committee of Visitors to New York University presented a verbal report which was accepted and the Committee was continued for another year.

The Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented its report, which was accepted and the following is an abstract thereof:

671 Women's Societies, with an approximate tabulated membership of 25,368 and holding 5,757 meetings, during the year 1907–1908, illustrates one side of the work for Home Missions within the bounds of our Synod. On the other side, we find 117 Young Women's Societies and 189 Bands, a total of 306 organizations, with 283 co-operating Sabbath Schools, all working for the evangelization and civilization of our country.

96 Home Mission Study Classes have added intellectual power to the youth of our Constituency, while 4,803 copies of the Home Missiom Monthly and 2,107 copies of Over Sea and Land have diffused information among women and children.

The monetary results of this banding together for the study of Home Missions and for concerted action on their behalf have been contributions of $81,781.75 including $13,678.51 for the Freedmen's Department of our Woman's Board.

These offerings have been made by Churches (through our Synodical Society) by Women's and Young Women's Societies, by Christian Endeavor Societies and Bands and by Sabbath Schools. From the latter there has been a notable and gratifying increase in gifts and the Women's Societies are credited with encouraging gains in their benefactions. Our financial exhibit is better by $1,987.43 than that of 1906–1907.

If, however, this question of money raising and money getting had been the only thing emphasized during our year's work, we should feel poor indeed.

There are greater things in this world than money, essential as that may be to the furtherance of the great work committed to our Synodical Society.

The best things of our work are these—Sympathies have been quickened and Characters ennobled. Faith in God, and in an over-ruling Providence has been strengthened. Love for the Master and for the cause to which he gave His life, the redemption of mankind, has been intensified.

Upon such results as these, realizing that others will surely follow, we build our expectations for better and more self-sacrificing service, for the year upon which we now enter.

The following action was taken:

Resolved, That we hear this statement of the Womans' Synodical Home Mission Committee with great satisfaction and that we heartily commend the women of the church for the earnest and efficient work they are doing in the interest of Missions.

The Committee of Arrangements announced that the celebration of the Lord's Supper would occur at 4.15 P.M. today, that the Moderator would preside and be assisted by Rev. George Alexander, D.D. and Rev. Edward P. Bailey, D.D., and that the following Elders would assist in distributing the elements, viz.: Charles O. Cross, Cassius N. McFarren, George P. Conard, William H. Van Sickle, Charles A. Elliott, William C. Donnan, Selah B. Strong, Thomas Cochrane, Charles O. Polhemus, Robert S. Pavior, James G. Van Keuren, Lambert J. Dubois.

Rev. William H. Hubbard, D.D. then addressed the Synod in reference to the work of the Executive Commission of the General Assembly.

The matter of the appointment of such a Commission was referred to the following Committee: Rev. Messrs. Rice V. Hunter, John A. Ingham, William H. Hubbard, David G. Wylie and Elders George P. Conard, Joseph E. Messenger and William Rodger.

The Committee of Examiners of Elmira College, Rev. R. Lew Williams, chairman, presented the following report which was accepted and after an address by President A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D., its recommendations were unanimously adopted:

The Examiners of Elmira College come with a report encouraging and hopeful. Synod's honored institution has had the best year in its history.

Time was when we came before Synod with an excuse and an apology. Now we come with genuine satisfaction and honest pride in our report.

Time was when the mere mention of Elmira College in Synod produced something of a languor, and there were evidences of a desire to get through with the disagreeable subject as speedily as possible. Now we confidently expect that its mention shall arouse genuine interest and sympathy.

Time was when nobody cared whether school kept or not—in Elmira. We tried to give the College away, with no takers. Now we would not sell it at any price.

This is simply because the College is making good, for it is the successful thing which is always an object of interest.

Your examiners have been in close touch with the College during the past year. Some of the Board have been watching its struggles and its steady advance for a decade, others have been connected with the institution for a much longer period.

Never have Synod's representatives been so well satisfied with existing conditions, nor so hopeful over the future outlook as now, at the opening of the 54th year of the institution's history.

We report with satisfaction the high standing and fine equipment of the faculty. The College may justly take pride in its splendid teaching force. In every department is a Professor who is a master in the fine art of teaching.

At the beginning of the present College year the faculty was strengthened by the addition of the Rev. James A. Miller, Ph.D., in the chair of History and Biblical Literature, who brings to his work excellent scholarly attainments and rare teaching gifts.

The College is crowded to overflowing and the authorities have been compelled to serve notice that there is no more available room.

An excellent spirit pervades the entire student body, and eagerness and enthusiasm mark the work of the students in all departments.

The College buildings have been renovated and extensive improvements made during the past year, and the entire College property shows new evidences of prosperity and general upward trend.

The prevailing tone of prosperity and success is evidenced in a striking way by the fact that the College closed the last year with a surplus of $7,000 above expenses, an experience heretofore unheard of in its more than half century history. Deficits have been the general rule. A decade ago the yearly deficit reached the sum of $15,000. Since then there has been a gradual and steady decrease in the annual shortage and we are now happy to report a surplus.

The period of the present administration is marked by other facts which are worthy of Synod's attention.

The indebtedness has been reduced from $87,000 to $43,000, or more than 50%

The endowment has been increased from $66,000 to $75,000.

The annual income from students has advanced from $15,000 to $47,000, or more than 300%.

The number of students has increased from 77 to 200, or 260%.

The annual number of graduates has advanced from 7 to 20.

Last year's class numbered 37, 29 receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and 8 the degree of Bachelor of Science.

In the judgment of your Examiners, Synod should recognize the splendid results of the judicious, aggressive and even heroic efforts of the present College administration under the leadership of President Mackenzie.

The high standard of scholarship and the efficient training of the graduates of Elmira College, always conceded, are now receiving gratifying recognition. The College could not meet the demand for teachers from its last year's training class. At least ten more teachers than were available could have been placed in desirable teaching positions. Twenty-nine graduates of last year obtained the College Graduates' Professional Certificate, for life, entitling them, without examination, to teach in any institution in the State. This advantage is not accorded to the graduates of any other College for women in the United States with one exception, viz., The Normal College for Women in New York City.

Elmira College has been selected by the State Board of Regents as one of the few institutions in the State where graduates of other colleges for women shall receive their examinations for the College Graduates' Professional Certificate for teaching.

Altogether the College has attained a degree of success and is receiving a recognition which should be exceedingly gratifying to Synod, and which may be a matter of just pride on the part of the administration.

Let it not be supposed, however, from the facts presented in this hasty report of your Examiners that the needs of the institution have all been met or that the ideal has been reached.

The present buildings are inadequate and in some features need remodeling to bring them up to date.

The dining hall is overcrowded. The dormitories are full, not another student could be accommodated in addition to those now enrolled. The class rooms are too small for the growing classes.

The crying need of the College is a new Science Hall which shall include a complete set of class-rooms for the entire teaching staff. When such a building is provided, the main existing building can be so remodeled as to meet the need for additional dormitory room, and other pressing necessities.

The College has the standing promise of Mr. Andrew Carnegie of $30,000 for the purpose of erecting this new building, on condition that the College procure $73,000 additional, $30,000 of which shall be used for endowing the building and $43,000 for the full payment of the bonded indebtedness now standing against the institution. The administration is making a most earnest effort to raise this money.

We would lay this cause upon the hearts of the members of Synod and would urge that this our oldest and only strictly Synodical institution shall

not long suffer for the lack of this modest financial assistance, which would place our growing and prosperous College beyond such pressing necessity.

There is one other important consideration for Synod's attention: A certain class of institutions for higher education in this country is threatened by the disadvantage of inability to hold the strongest and best equipped faculties, because, as now constituted, they do not come within the conditions which make available the benefits of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Elmira College belongs to this class. Many other Colleges are hastening to make such changes as shall remove this disadvantage.

Our College desires to retain fully its close relation with Synod and with the Church. It is the judgment of your Committee that this may be done and yet such slight modification be made in the Charter as would meet the conditions of the Carnegie Foundation. The only modification required would be that the Board of Trustees of the College should become self-perpetuating instead of being elected by Synod. The disadvantages of this change would be none. The advantages would be many.

We therefore recommend:

First, that Synod direct the authorities of Elmira College when the way be clear, to cause such modification to be made in the College charter as shall make available to the institution the benefits of the Carnegie Foundation, for the Advancement of Teaching.

Second, that the membership of our Churches within the bounds of Synod be urged to sympathetic and generous response to the appeal for sufficient funds to make up the endowment required to meet the conditions of the standing offer for the erection and equipment of a new Science Hall.

The following report of the Committee on Education was presented by the Rev. R. Lew Williams. The report was accepted and after an address by the Secretary of the Board, Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, D.D., its recommendations were adopted:

The question of an adequate and efficient ministry, with its correlated problems is today the question of the hour in the church.

Back of the fact that we have a wide and promising Home Mission field; back of the fact that the doors of all foreign lands are open, and back of the fact that new Churches are being erected in new territory and larger and better equipped Churches are appearing in the older fields, lies the question of a sufficient number of efficiently equipped men to enter and man the fields.

The questions with which the Board of Education have to deal are vital to the Church. New problems and conditions have arisen which must be met promptly and with courage.

One problem confronting the Church lies in the well known and serious fact of the depletion in the number of candidates for the Ministry. Seventy-five years ago the proportion of candidates in our Church was one to every 800 of its members. Today we have one candidate to every 1,128 members, but two-thirds of our normal supply.

During the past twelve years when our country has increased more than 24 per cent. in population, 47 per cent. in wealth, 58 per cent. in College students and the membership of the Protestant Church in the United States 33 per cent., the number of ministerial students in thirty leading Protestant Churches has decreased more than 19 per cent.

Particularly is the dearth of candidates noticeable in the older Presbyteries of the East. The East is drawing largely upon the ministerial forces of the West. This in spite of the fact that the West is clamoring for more men to put into her unevangelized territory.

True, some regard this condition of a reduced number of candidates with indifference, but this view is superficial, short visioned.

First. Because it does not look to the future.

Second. Because the number of existing Churches does not by any means measure our responsibility for evangelizing the great open fields, at home and abroad.

Third. Because a part of our supply of ministers is coming from sources which do not ensure the equipment which our church demands of its ministers.

We view with apprehension the growing custom of the church of filling up the depleted ranks of her ministry by other means than those provided for, in our regular educational courses.

The Church today faces not a theory but a fact, and one with serious aspects.

Searching for the causes of the decline in the number of students for the ministry, some things are plain.

Prevailing conditions both directly and indirectly affect the life and activity of the Church, in no feature more than in the number, the quality, and the training of the recruits of the Church's ministry.

There is a lamentable number of applications for every pulpit that becomes vacant and is regarded as desirable; the applications sometimes running into scores and even hundreds, some of them presented almost before the retiring pastor has stepped out of the pulpit, from which he has resigned. This fact is familiar to the young men of the Church.

The average salary of pastors is pitifully small in comparison with that of the men who engage in many other callings. There is in consequence often a practical difficulty in the way of maintaining a ministerial self respect and manly independence, which challenges the consideration of young men of ability and manhood.

There is before the minister of today the possibility of reaching the imaginary but dreaded deadline when his services are no longer in demand and beyond which is an uninviting old age of poverty and dependence.

The changed conditions of life make the demands upon the pastor more exacting in many directions, than formerly.

The lure of commercial life was never so fascinating and universal as today. The glittering prizes in other callings are more than attractive, and young men, coveting them, find it easy to disregard the Divine call to the ministry.

In many of our educational institutions the courses increasingly tend toward technical specialization.

In the home life today there is lessemphasis on religion and the Church, than formerly.

Parents are not offering their sons on God's altar as in times past and no longer regard it as the supreme honor that can come to a home that a son should go out from it into the pulpit.

Even ministers and their wives are generally discouraging their own sons from entering the sacred calling.

The decline in the number of students for the ministry, can be accounted for and it is the Church's duty to search out and deal with the facts.

The fault is not altogether with the young men. It lies further back. It cannot be wholly put over upon prevailing external conditions. It is the fault, partially at least, of ministers and parents and the Church.

The whole Church has allowed itself to fall into a strange and guilty neglect of this matter, which is vital to its very perpetuity.

And this neglect when analyzed leads back to a deeper and more serious fact; it is evidence of a decline of vital religion in the Church, due to the encroaching presence of materialism.

Today, deeper than the need of men, deeper far than the need of money, deep down at the very bottom of our spiritless life, is there need of a new consecration to the service of God, on the part of the whole Church.

Notwithstanding all this, never was there a time when the ministry could make such an appeal to the young men of character and ability, never was there a time when there was such a call for young men of heroism, faith and consecration.

The changed conditions with their greater difficulties, the very lack of eagerness of parents to offer their sons, and of sons in presenting themselves for the pastoral office, these constitute a challenge such as never before has gone out to men of heroic mould and self-sacrificing spirit. Never was there a time when the ministry offered such opportunities for the highest type of service and consequently, when it was so attractive to men of the highest type.

The Board of Education has always made its appeal and offered its aid to the young men of our Church on the very highest grounds.

Today it makes its appeal with even greater force because the service to which the Church calls, is harder and in some respects, less popular, than it has ever been.

The Board has other questions, large and important, with which to deal.

One of these lies in the problem of providing trained workers for evangelizing the alien population, already here in such large numbers and still coming.

Of the four millions or more of this class for which our Church may be said to be responsible, we have in training under the care of the Board 117 men, a number wholly inadequate.

The question of a competent ministry lies at the root of this whole matter. The demand cannot be met by importing workers from abroad. The Church

must train a foreign speaking ministry on the ground. The Church must deal quickly and more adequately with this problem.

Another responsibility pressing upon the Church, the meeting of which has been placed under the direction of this Board, is the problem of supplying the religious needs of Presbyterian students in our great State Universities and non-denominational Colleges. This is a comparatively new condition, and one to which the Church at large has not yet fully awakened. The growth of the State Institutions is one of the educational wonders of our times.

More than 50,000 students are now enrolled in these universities, 9,000 of whom are Presbyterians.

The efforts of the Board to meet the needs of these students are only in their infancy, and already the work is developing into large proportions.

Within a year, applications have been received from seven Synods asking for aid to carry on special work in State Universities.

Other denominations are far outstripping us in efforts to meet this new condition and are planting Churches and Chapels about their great institutions, and installing resident student pastors.

Our Church must care for her 9,000 students. There is a call for men and money here, which while new, is urgent and insistent.

In view of these considerations, your Committee would urge upon Presbyterial Committees, Pastors, Sessions and Churches, a new and larger interest in the important lines of work under the direction of this Board.

Especially would we urge that the suggestion of the Board that an annual Sermon upon Ministerial Education be preached in each Church, be carried out.

In view of the new conditions and the larger need, this is now especially an incumbent duty.

We would heartily commend the work of the new administration of the Board under the wise and aggressive leadership of the new Secretary, the Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, D. D.

We recommend:

1. That all our Churches be urged to heed the recommendation of the General Assembly, that the Thursday immediately preceding the Second Sunday of February, be observed as the "Day of Prayer for Colleges."

2. That all pastors be urged through Presbyterial Committees this year to preach a Sermon upon Ministerial Education and that so far as practicable the Sermon be delivered on the Sunday immediately following the "Day of Prayer for Colleges."

On the recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures the consideration of the petition of the First Church of Springfield, Mass., to be transferred to the Presbytery of Boston and of certain churches under the care of Nassau Presbytery, to be transferred to the Presbytery of Brooklyn, was referred to the Committee on Presbyterial Boundaries.

The following report of the Committee on College Aid was presented by Rev. John C. Ball, D.D., and after its acceptance, Synod was addressed by Rev. John Stuart Dickson, D.D., Secretary of the Board:

The College Board of our Church has been in existence 25 years. During that time its work has grown from the care of seven institutions to the oversight of fifty-two colleges and academies; from a budget of $14,912 to one of $171,541 for current expenses; besides which later figure the Board received during the past year $583,147 for increased endowment and new buildings. During this whole period the Board has kept itself and all dependent institutions out of debt and has safe-guarded trust funds; moreover it has stood for high ideals in scholarship and life. To some over-ambitious institutions it has rendered the great service of persuading them to cease assuming the title University, which they were not, and to be known exactly as they are.

Undoubtedly, the best work of the Board has been accomplished through its spiritual influence. Today as ever in its history, it has maintained its best traditions in this regard. "It has sought to direct the colleges in three ways toward fuller Christian influence. It has magnified Bible teaching; it has insisted upon the choice of Christian teachers; it has promoted a real evangelism." In these ways is a college to be known as *Christian*. Regarding the first, the minimum for required Bible study in the college course is 144 hours; most of the Board's colleges exceed this limit; they lead all denominational colleges in this matter. Regarding the second, the Board has made unceasing effort that only Christian men and women should occupy its college Chairs. And, largely through these two factors, the Bible and the Christian teacher, "the Board has used all its influence to promote efforts that should result in the true conversion of every student." During the last church year, in thirty eight Colleges, there were 641 students who gave their lives to Jesus Christ. A very important service rendered by these colleges is the supplying of candidates for the ministry. "A year ago, when a canvass of the colleges was made, it was found that there were 608 candidates for the ministry enrolled. Eighty-five per cent. of the new foreign missionaries during the last five years have come from Christian colleges." Indeed, these colleges are becoming more and more the only dependable source of supply for any number of ministers. The question of the *spiritual* atmosphere of an institution is all-important. We quote from the Board's last annual report, as follows: "Half of the young men and women who go to college today are not Christians when they go to college. Whether or not they will be converted to Christ depends upon the atmosphere of the college life. Those who are at work in the State University have a peculiarly difficult problem, for it is not the business of the State University to convert and consecrate its students, and it cannot make the effort. The same is true to a less degree, with the great secular universities, that by their tremendously increased size have lost personal touch with their students. It is a fact, fully proved by statistics, that in the

Christian Colleges most of the students will be converted, and in the warm, strong, happy Christian atmosphere of the college, will either choose the ministry or the missionary service, or in some real way go forth as the devoted servants of Christ into their chosen calling in life."

Preceding the last General Assembly, another college conference was held with most helpful result. It commanded the attention of a great and deeply interested audience.

This cause is deserving of a wider investigation, a deeper interest, a more generous maintenance by our Church, which has gloried in being a college-building rather than a cathedral building Church.

There is another very important and enlarging side to this question of education—viz. the increasing number of youths from our Presbyterian homes going to the great, so-called "secular" Universities and our consequent duty towards them there. It is idle to inveigh against their going. Some of your sons and daughters have gone; you know why you sent them; it was simply because you felt they would have the largest educational advantages there. This is not the question for us as a Synod to consider, but, the fact that they *are* there in such large and increasing numbers, as the report of a special committee appointed last year, will emphasize, the one question is: What is our responsibility in the matter? *What* can we do to help these youths keep and enlarge their faith, help them develop their Christian life and respond to the highest ideals of service; and *will* we do what we can?

The Committee to Nominate the Trustees of Synod and the Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College reported and the following persons recommended were duly elected by ballot:

Trustees of the Synod: Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., Rev. Charles S. Lane, Edwin T. Hanford and Sanford R. Knapp, for the term expiring in 1911.

Trustees of Elmira College: William Thompson, Mallory D. Schoonmaker, Alexander Davidson, Mrs. Reuben S. Frost, H. Austin Clark, Hubert C. Mandeville, Rev. A. Cameron MacKenzie, D.D., for the term expiring in 1911.

Examiners: Rev. Peter R. Ross, D.D., Rev. George D. Miller, D.D., Rev. John Chester Ball, D.D.

After prayer, Synod took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2 o'clock, P. M.

After prayer, Synod resumed business, the Vice Moderator in the chair.

A resolution relating to Churches entertaining the Synod was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Nominating Committee of the Woman's

Synodical Society of Home Missions was presented, accepted, and the nominations were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee to Nominate Visitors to Colleges and Seminaries presented the following report which was adopted:

Hamilton College: *Ministers.*—R. Lew Williams, Henry A. Porter, John McL. Richardson; *Elders.*—DeWitt C. Hurd, Rodolphus C. Briggs.

Auburn Seminary: *Ministers.*—Edwin H. Dickinson, D.D., Samuel Dunham, Charles McKenzie; *Elders.*—Whitman H. Jordan, M.D., Charles C. Kimball.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

Your Committee has audited the Treasurer's books and accounts, compared the vouchers with the charges and find the same correct and recommend their approval.

The following is the Treasurer's report for the year ending October 1, 1908:

Balance on hand		$2,262 95
From Presbyteries due Oct. 1, 1907		363 70
From Presbyteries due Oct. 1, 1908		885 25
Interest		70 96
Total		$3,582 86
Disbursements:		
Salary Stated Clerk	$400 00	
Salary Permanent Clerk	150 00	
Salaries Temporary Clerks	40 00	
Printing Minutes and Postage on same	248 55	
Expenses, Delegates of Synod	156 75	
Printing Report on Temperance	15 00	
Circular Letter, San Francisco Sufferers	30 00	
Sexton LaFayette Ave. Church	10 00	
Bond Treasurer of Synodical Missions	20 00	
Foreign Mission Committee of Synod	100 00	
Manhattan Storage Company	6 00	
Printing, Postage, Stated Clerk	20 00	
Printing, Postage, Treasurer	16 30	
		$1,212 60
Balance on hand		$2,370 26
Oct. 1, 1908, due from Presbyteries		$122 26

Your Committee would recommend:

1. That the assessment for the current fiscal year be at the rate of five mills per communicant.

2. That an appropriation of ten dollars be made to the janitor of the Rondout Presbyterian Church, with the thanks of the Synod for courtesies received.

3. That an appropriation of one hundred dollars from the treasury of the Synod be allowed each year to the Church entertaining the Synod, that this resolution take effect immediately and be in force until the Synod shall determine otherwise.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report which was accepted and after an address by Rev. William H. Hubbard, D. D., its recommendations were adopted:

In trying to report upon the beneficence of our churches, the question arises, shall the report be confined to contributions made to the Boards? Shall it attempt to show simply how we Presbyterians of this Synod are taking care of the work, which the Lord of the Vineyard has specially intrusted to our denomination? Or shall the report be based upon the figures found in the General Assembly Minutes, which show the amounts we have scattered for what we thought were good works, on every high hill and under every green tree?

Two sets of figures confront us. One shows what the accredited agencies of the Presbyterian Church actually received. The other is more confusing, but certainly indicates that large sums were sent from our Church to a large variety of objects.

Perhaps we can combine the two sets of figures in this way. The reports of our Church Boards, including of course our own Committee on Synodical Missions and the General Assembly's Temperance Committee, show that they received from this Synod last year, $605,796. In the corresponding columns of the General Assembly minutes, we are credited with $876,963. Here is a difference of $271,167. To the Lord's work as regularly carried on through the Boards our people gave $605,796. And to the same general objects they are credited with giving, in addition, to what went to the regular work of the Boards, $271,167 more. To this last amount we now add the $465,492, which is credited to the churches of New York Synod in the miscellaneous columns. This gives us altogether $736,659, reported to the General Assembly, as having been contributed by the churches of this Synod for religious and charitable work, over and above what was given to the Boards and for local Church expenses.

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$736,659 to other benevolent objects.

Here is a total of $1,342,455, from this Synod to what is generally termed beneficence. That is an average of $6.51, per member, or precisely 12½ cents per week.

But at this point another item should be remembered. The congregational expenses of our churches amounted to $2,948,197, last year, and they were assessed, in addition, $21,184, to pay the cost of running our ecclesiastical machinery. In other words, $2,969,381, were given by our people last year to keep their churches going in the regular Presbyterian way.

Now $2,969,381 means an average of $14.38 per communicant, which with the $6.51 per capita for objects outside the local church makes a total of $20.89 for all purposes. Twenty dollars and eighty-nine cents per year or 40 cents per week was the average offering of the Presbyterians of this Synod for all sorts of Church work. That is a tithe of $4.00 per week, or $208.00 per year. Bearing in mind how largely our church membership is grouped in families, often including two, three or more communicants, dependent upon one income; and remembering how frequently the richer members of our Presbyterian Churches make large contributions to Hospitals, Young Men's Christian Associations, and other good works not reported in the General Assembly columns, we see that there has been much liberal giving on the part of many of our people.

But it has not met the pressing need. A total offering for all the Boards and beneficent work of our Church, averaging much less than $3.00 per member from this rich Synod, does seem pitifully inadequate. The problem is to raise this average.

We recommend:

1. That the amount of $540,000 which the General Assembly's Executive Commission recommends as this Synod's share of the budget to be raised for the Boards this year, be apportioned amoung the Presbyteries on the basis of what was contributed last year, with a request for an advance of 15 cents per member.

2. That in view of the present financial depression of the Country, a special campaign be undertaken to secure an advance in systematic beneficence, not so much from those already giving liberally, as to reach those who contribute nothing to the Church Boards.

3. That the envelopes, pledges and literature, freely furnished by the General Assembly Committee on Systematic Beneficence, be recommended to the churches.

On the recommendation of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions, instances of Heroism on Home Mission fields were given by Rev. Messrs. Charles S. Lane, Selden L. Haynes, James Robertson and Henry T. McEwen, D.D.

As the reports of the officers of Synodical Home Missions were presented in printed form, they were severally accepted without being read in detail, and are as follows:

Report of Treasurer:

Within the bounds of the Synod of New York according to the Assembly Minutes of 1908, not counting the Foreign Presbyteries or Boston, there are

848 churches, 560 of these being in the Presbyteries which have adopted the Synod's plan for its Mission work.

During the year the names of 443 of these churches have been entered upon the treasurer's books, as contributors to Synodical Home Missions. Their gifts have been supplemented by those of the Allied Presbyteries, and a few personal friends.

The Presbyteries of Buffalo, Cayuga, Rochester, Syracuse and Westchester have aided by their gifts. Westchester's example is again worthy of note.

A statement of contributions received from Churches, Presbyteries and Individuals is herewith presented:

Balance on hand October 1, 1907	$ 972 53	
Total contributions for the year ending October 1, 1908	19,660 70	
Interest on deposits	75 79	
Total		$20,709 02
Commissions paid from October 1, 1907, to October 1, 1908	16,220 51	
Salaries of Superintendent, Assistant and Missionary Evangelist	1,756 44	
Expenses of Permanent and Executive Committees	664 75	
Total		$18,641 70
Balance on hand October 1, 1908		$2,067 32

The accounts and vouchers having been audited and found correct, were approved.

The Permanent Committee on Synodical Missions presented its report of which the following is an abstract. The report was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

The plan under which Synodical Home Missions have been conducted for the past eleven years requires a succinct, annual summary of its progress and needs. To gather these facts and present them in a lucid and informing way, is therefore part of the task with which we have been commissioned. When the number, variety and character of the facts, plus the difficulty in securing and collating them, and the wide and diversified character of the field are given due consideration, a new significance is given to this provision of the Plan. Clearly the purpose was not that the Christian activities and agencies which have been operative during the year in certain quarters, should have a mere formal presentation, but that the facts of Evangelism of the home-land might have appropriate recognition—instinct as they are with appealing power. Our first pleasing duty, therefore, is to express our gratitude and thankfulness to God, whose goodness never faileth, and who has abundantly blessed and prospered the cause of Synodical Home Missions throughout the year.

This first year of the new decade, because of social and financial conditions unforeseen, has been a most trying one, but "He that hath promised" is faithful, and His cause has not failed. Nor are we unmindful of our indebtedness to the fidelity and zeal, self-sacrifice and consecration of the noble band of missionaries, with their nameless helpers in many a small hamlet and village and rural field, who, with untiring patience and fortitude, night and day, have given themselves and their all to this work. Heroism of the purest type and the highest rank is here not unknown.

Nor do we forget how much we owe for the successes of the year to the generosity, kind-hearted benevolence, and encouragement of the churches and a host of loyal friends, supporters and well-wishers everywhere throughout the bounds of Synod. It is easy to recognize and gladly do we do so, the growth of intelligent appreciation and affection for this sacred cause.

Our felicitation would be sadly and unpardonably deficient, if it made no mention of the wise and able leadership of our modest, persistent, and devoted Chairman, Mr. George P. Conard. To his foresight, constant attention and business-like methods, much of our success of the year now closing is due. May Providence long continue to be kind to us and to him in giving him a large measure of health and strength for this work.

The Superintendent, Dr. Jacks, with his usual diligence and ardor has been an efficient factor in the progress of the year.

The year has witnessed the introduction of several new features in the prosecution of this work. A year ago, circumstances seemed to justify the experiment of employing a Missionary Evangelist and it was the one new thing we had to report.

Under the direction of the Executive Committee, the Rev. David L. Roberts was engaged as Missionary Evangelist, to assist the pastors and churches in conducting special evangelistic services, and in such other ways as opportunity offered. He began his labors January 7, 1907, and concluded them on December 29, 1907, by the acceptance of a call to the pastorate.

The resignation of Mr. Roberts was accepted by the Executive Committee at its meeting at Albany on March 3, 1908, with expressions of appreciation of Mr. Roberts' faithful and efficient service.

Having learned in the school of practical business life, the principles of success, our alert and energetic Chairman instituted regular quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. These meetings have been held at Albany and in New York City. There has been a good attendance of the members, and much important business transacted; so that not only have emergencies been promptly met, but the general work kept well in hand, and the churches kept informed of its progress and needs.

Another innovation, was the sending of two delegates in accordance with the Permanent Committee's suggestion and approved by Synod, to the Inter-Synodical Conference of the Self-Supporting Synods, held at Cincinnati, November 11–12, 1907. The Chairman named as such delegates, the Treasurer and Secretary, Rev. George Fairlee, and Rev. J. Frederick Fitschen, Jr., of

Ithaca, both of whom were in attendance, as was also the Rev. Henry T. McEwen, D.D., at the Conference held at Kansas City, May 21, 1908, in connection with the General Assembly.

Another phase of the work which has looned large during the year is work among peoples of Foreign speech. For a considerable time past we have in various ways encountered this problem, but in the Permanent Committee meeting a year ago, came into practical contact with it through an application for aid to prosecute the work in one of our Presbyteries. Our means were then so limited and our knowledge of this new field so vague, that it was thought wise not to assume the responsibility; but it was determined to learn, if possible, the extent of the field, what was being done, and the possibilities and promises of the future.

This subject has been persistently to the fore in our Executive Committee meetings and in Conferences and Council referred to.

By direction of the Permanent Committee, the Secretary prepared a questionaire on work among Foreign tongued peoples within the bounds of the Synod of New York, (excepting New England) and addressed a copy to each of the Stated Clerks of the various Presbyteries. At the suggestion of some Stated Clerks, various other individuals more directly interested in the work were also addressed.

The field covered embraced the twenty-five home Presbyteries. Nineteen Presbyteries reported, viz.: Albany, Binghamton, Brooklyn, Cayuga, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Long Island, New York, North River, Otsego, Rochester, Steuben, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Troy, Utica and Westchester.

Six Presbyteries have not been heard from, viz.: Buffalo, Champlain, Hudson, Lyons, Nassau, Niagara.

In the field covered by the following fourteen Presbyteries, the reports show no organized work among people of Foreign Speech has been undertaken, viz.: Binghamton, Cayuga, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Long Island, North River, Rochester, Steuben, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Utica, and Westchester.

Three Presbyteries, viz.: Brooklyn, New York, and Troy report that work of this character has been carried on for some time, with such good result and promise of permanency as to warrant formal organization.

Through missions or other tentative measures, the following seven Presbyteries, viz.: Brooklyn, Cayuga, New York, North River, St. Lawrence, Troy and Westchester report much preliminary work accomplished, with encouraging hopes of future growth.

The Peoples of Foreign Speech permanently or transiently residing within the bounds of the Empire State, can only be compassed by the phrase "all nations." They have come from the four quarters of the earth, and their speech is many tongued as in the day of Pentecost. They are dwellers in our great cities, in our enterprising and industrial towns, and on line of every great public work, and even invading the commercial centers of our smaller towns and hamlets, and the rural life of many communities.

The tabulated returns give a total population of 1,087,175. One million of these are on the Island of Manhattan. Following national distinctions, the remainder is located as follows: Italians in Brooklyn, 20,000; in Portchester, 2,500; in New Rochelle, 3,009; in Mt. Kisco, 1,000; in West Point, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie and Kingston, 6,000; in Auburn, 3,000; in Schenectady, 5,000, in Rochester, 20,000; in Utica, 5,000, and in Waterford, 600; total 76,100, with small groups, at Elmira, Port Byron, Watkins and other inland towns, and a large but indefinite number at Syracuse.

Slavs in the Presbytery of Binghamton, 6,000; in the Presbytery of St. Lawrence at Watertown, 100.

Hungarians in the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, 200; in the Presbytery of Westchester, 135, and a few families at Portland Point, in the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Armenians in the Presbytery of Troy, 450, and smaller groups in the Presbytery of Westchester.

Greeks and Syrians in the Presbytery of Troy, 250, and smaller groups in the Presbytery of Cayuga.

The Presbyteries which have been engaged in this work and been encouraged to put it upon a permanent basis, are Brooklyn, New York, and Troy. In these Presbyteries, there are twelve organized Churches for Foreign Tongued Peoples.

In the Presbyteries of Albany, Brooklyn, Cayuga, New York, North River, St. Lawrence, Troy and Westchester, there are nineteen missions among Peoples of Foreign Speech.

To tell the whole story of the year would not be possible in such a report. Only the most obvious facts and features can be mentioned, while others quite as efficient, but which are never suffered to figure in a report, must be passed over in silence.

If it is asked what has been the issue of the expenditure of all this thought and effort, and energy, and money, the ready answer is that the Gospel has been preached in many a pulpit, where perhaps it might not otherwise have been.

In spite of the hardness of the times no church has been obliged to close its doors for the lack of funds; that one hundred and fourteen churches or about one-eighth of the total number of churches on the roll of Synod have thus been enabled to continue the dispensing of the evangel in their separate communities, is no small return.

Notwithstanding the stringency of the times, the total receipts for the year have been $229.24 more than a year ago; the receipts from the churches alone have been $8.17 less than the previous year. On the disbursement side there is a difference of $1,571.87 in favor of the Treasurer. These two things —larger receipts and smaller disbursements have resulted in the happy issue of a balance of $2,067.32 with which to begin the new year.

The Presbyteries which have contributed their full quota of Synod's apportionment are Lyons, St. Lawrence and Troy. They each gave in excess of

their quota. The number of Presbyteries which met their full quota remains the same as last year. Ten Presbyteries, viz.: Albany, Binghamton, Brooklyn, Chemung, Genesee, Geneva, Lyons, Otsego, St. Lawrence and Troy gave more than last year. Eight Presbyteries, viz.: Champlain, Columbia, Long Island, New York, Niagara, North River, Steuben, and Utica gave less than last year. The following Presbyteries contributed more than they received, viz.: Albany, Brooklyn, Champlain, Geneva, New York, Niagara, Steuben, Troy and Utica. The following Presbyteries drew more than they contributed, viz.: Binghamton, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Long Island, Lyons, North River, Otsego and St. Lawrence.

Westchester, besides meeting the demands of her own local work calling for an expenditure of $795.00, contributed to Synod's work $925.00.

Contributions have been received from every church in the Presbyteries of St. Lawrence and Troy. In the Presbytery of Long Island every church but one contributed. In each of the Presbyteries of Champlain and Lyons all but two churches were contributors.

On the recommendation of the Permanent Committee the following action was taken:

1. We record with pleasure the generous support given last year by the churches to the cause of Synodical Missions with thankfulness to our Lord for fruitful, spiritual results.

2. That we hereby express our appreciation of the laborious and efficient work of the Chairman of the Permanent Committee, Mr. George P. Conard, and their Secretary, who is also Treasurer of this Missionary fund, Rev. George Fairlee, and of our Superintendent, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D.

3. We recommend for adoption the revised plan now submitted by the Executive Committee for conducting this Missionary Work, the same in all essential points as the plan now in force, but with important changes and that this revised plan go into effect on October 1, 1909. (For revised plan see appendix.)

4. That Synodical Home Missions be commended to Presbyteries and Churches, for careful working out of the plan, and for enthusiastic support.

5. That vacant churches, especially those in need of financial aid, be advised to take counsel with the Superintendent as to choice of pastors and other affairs that concern their welfare.

6. That Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., be continued in office as Superintendent for another year at the same salary as before and that Rev. George Fairlee be appointed Treasurer for the coming year.

The Synodical Superintendent reported as follows:

In bringing to you this eleventh annual report of the work of Synodical Home Missions in this State, we are happy to announce the cancelling of all financial obligations, the founding of new churches, others attaining self support and a large number from the world coming into the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Again the shadow of mourning appears and we sorrow because of the departure of Rev. G. Parsons Nichols, D.D., who has been a member of our Permanent Committee from the time this new method was inaugurated. A man of singularly unselfish spirit, one who appreciated and loved the little churches and who was always seeking their welfare with purse and pen, his loss cannot easily be made up to us, his place will be difficult to fill. A great preacher, a fine pastor of an influential church, he found time to consider the interests of the little churches and he regarded them with a fatherly care and a brotherly affection.

During the year 111 Commissions have been issued by the Synodical Committee and 35 more have been laboring under Presbyterial Commissions.

The following items summarize the year's work:

Missionaries reporting	146	Number of Sabbath Schools	151
Pastors	52	Sabbath Schools organized	10
Stated Supplies	94	Membership of Sabbath Schools	12,729
Churches served	161	Church Edifices (value of same $625,600)	148
Stations supplied at regular intervals	33	Church Edifices built (value of same $53,950)	2
Additions on profession of faith	798	Church Edifices repaired (at cost of $10,000)	30
Additions by certificate	319	Church debt cancelled	$1,550
Total Membership	9,670	Number of Manses (value of same $135,100)	97
Total average church attendance	8,156		
Baptisms, adults	284		
Baptisms, infants	591		

Two of our faithful ministers have recently finished their earthly course and gone to their reward, Rev. Albro L. Greene of Canoga who spent a long life in ministering to the small churches of our Synod, laboring patiently and successfully for over forty years. Here he built a new church and there a fine manse, gathering many into the Kingdom as seals of his ministry. Suffice it to say he left every church better than he found it.

Another veteran missionary of three score and ten has also closed his earthly life at Angelica, N. Y., Rev. David Craft, D.D., after forty years in the ministry. During the Civil War he was in the army and afterward enjoyed a long service at Wyalusing, Pa., and the past decade at Angelica. He was also an author, a historian of considerable renown. Both these servants died with their armor on, laboring until weakness and disease compelled them to cease, and speedily they responded to the divine call when the message came, "Son come up higher." We rejoice that "there remaineth a rest to the people of God."

The churches of North Rose, Pine Hill, Breakabeen, Forest Park, South Yonkers, Holy Trinity, New York, and First Syrian Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn have been organized. Mecklenburg has built and dedicated a fine new edifice in place of the one destroyed by fire last year. Throggs Neck has

also erected a church which will be an ornament to the village and a joy to all who worship there. East Pembroke has instituted a general system of repairs and fitted up the basement of the church for social and religious uses.

A church is much needed at East Windham where such multitudes resort in summer for recreation. Tribes Hill ought to have a chapel and Northville Church conveniences for the greatest efficiency of the congregation. Voorheesville much needs a new organ. Liberty Street Church, Troy, would be much helped by a manse, where the pastor could dwell undisturbed.

The churches of Belmont, Hamburg and Vernon Center have attained self support. It is a happy thought that when a church reaches this vantage ground it seldom falls back again into the aided and dependent class. The churches of Barre Center, Salt Point, Otego, Pleasantville, Tyrone and Dresden have diminished or extinguished their church debts.

Somerset, Middleport, Otego, Evans' Mills, Louisville, Atlanta, Caldwell, Forestport, Genoa Second and Third, Mariaville, West Milton, Afton, Franklin Avenue and Lefferts Park (Brooklyn), Ludlowville, Beekmantown, Rock Stream, Hillsdale, Ashland, Spencertown, East Bethany, Dresden, Bohemian (New York), and Sodus Center have renovated and improved their church edifices.

Ross Memorial, Binghamton, has organized a Class and Sunday School Orchestra which adds materially in the direction of sacred music.

Special religious interest has been manifest at Barre Center, Laurens, Floral Avenue, Binghamton, Bensonhurst, Irving Square and Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn. Several small churches are ministered to by pastors of adjacent villages and thus for the time, at least, become self supporting.

Opportunity means obligation, responsibility. While so many doors are open why should we hesitate? The rural churches today, though often weak, present as fruitful fields as any under the care of the church. The real seeker for souls will have his desires gratified, while the one whose chief purpose in the ministry is a living, may become disheartened. The country is full of people seeking for the Gospel, and the average increment to the dependent churches of this State is over eleven per cent. Surely no one should be discouraged at such results, for in the church at large the additions do not number quite ten per cent. And in the country the problem of the Sunday evening congregation is not so serious as in the average large village or city church. There are indeed exceptions, but not enough to vitiate the general rule. Our country ministers indeed should receive better support in salaries and spiritual encouragement, for they are laying the foundations of the great institutions of our land. Desert, neglect the country church and the city churches will soon feel the effect.

And then the oft repeated appeal for the immigrant hurrying to our shores. Our only hope for him is the Gospel of Christ. There are difficulties in the way but they may be met and overcome. God will hear the prayers of his people and will bless their efforts. Beginnings have been made in many parts of the State and should be continued as fast as money and com-

petent workers can be secured for this work. The heart of the church is being enlarged to befriend and christianize so far as possible. The harvest is great, competent laborers few.

This whole question is well summed up in the report of the last General Assembly's Committee on Synodical Missions. We quote: "The immigration problem with its polyglot languages and the imperative need of the Gospel for the evangelization of these people; the ever increasing need of the rapidly growing farming and rural districts; the intensified consciousness of the relations of the Church to the laboring man—all these are subjects calling for and securing at the hands of our Synods, a devotion which has elicited the warmest admiration of your Committees, and is worthy of the imitation of the Church at large, as is manifest in the increase of gifts for this deserving cause. And while loving and loyal to the Home Board of the Church at large, they pledge themselves to renewed devotion and augmented activity for the solution of the problems that lie close to their homes and which demand their utmost effort, their increasing vigilance and their unceasing prayers."

The following items of personal service are hereby mentioned:

Different Congregations visited	70	Church anniversaries assisted in celebrating	2
Sermons and addresses	154	Moderated Church meetings	34
Lord's Supper administered	12	Churches supplied with pastors	31
Marriages solemnized	7	Letters written	2,125
Funerals attended	11	Miles traveled	16,908
Members received on profession	4	Received for preaching services	$380 35
Members received by letter	2	Expended, traveling expenses, postage, stationery, telegraphing and printing	351 95
Adults baptized	4	Surplus for year sent to Treasurer	28 40
Infants baptized	2		
Presbyteries visited	7		
Installation services participated in	7		
Church dedication	1		

The Evangelistic Committee presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

Evangelism means a special effort to spread the Gospel; a special effort to awaken Church members to greater interest in the Kingdom and to lead men to accept Jesus Christ.

Seven years ago our General Assembly appointed the first Committee on Evangelistic Work and that Committee has been continued year by year. How much good has been accomplished is a question. Communities have been greatly stirred for a time. We trust that many have been led to Christ permanently. Some think the Church has been made more spiritual by these efforts. Others do not see the change desired.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee to the last General Assembly is optimistic. The Committee feels that great good has been done by Conferences, by special efforts in the south, by work conducted in educational institutions and by great mass meetings held in cities. There have been complaints that this work has not been so permanent as hoped for. But really the work of most permanent nature is done by the Pastor and the Church.

The Assembly's Committee recommends the Pastor Evangelist. It recommends that Evangelistic services be conducted by pastors or by men giving their entire time to this work.

We believe a pastor should deliver his message with plainness of speech, "declaring the whole counsel of God," fervently, seeking to possess the spirit of the master. Still there are pastors who need the help of those with greater gifts of persuasion than they possess. The work of such a minister can often be supplemented by the assistance of a wise, earnest evangelist. Sometimes a new voice may interest men and secure decisions for Christ.

The Churches in this Synod seem to need an awakening. The small additions to our churches, our meager gifts to the Boards, our lethargy in church work all testify that an awakening is greatly needed.

North River Presbytery last year tried to arrange for a regular Evangelist but could not secure one acceptable to the churches.

Albany Presbytery has continued the systematic and effective work of the previous year. The Presbytery was divided into districts along convenient railway lines, with a leader for each district. The Rev. Dr. Biederwolf, the evangelist, was a great assistance in the special work carried on last winter at Amsterdam. A retreat conference will soon be held to consider plans for the winter's work.

Syracuse Presbytery has an Evangelist, Rev. J. N. Steele, who did good work last year and has been retained the coming year. The Committee is hopeful and enthusiastic.

Rochester Presbytery has gone on in the even tenor of its way and the pastors have been their own Evangelists.

Troy Presbytery has done some special work among the Syrians but it has been relinquished. Pastoral Evangelism has been emphasized.

New York Presbytery is doing special work among foreign people. During the summer an extensive tent campaign was carried on.

The Presbytery of Buffalo has done little in this line during the past year. A Retreat and Evangelistic Conference is being arranged for, during the winter.

Other Presbyteries make no report.

Your Committee has urged the Synod to make greater efforts to evangelize the country districts; the foreign population in our cities; during the summer to conduct open air religious services; to broaden the evangelistic message so it might cover the social wrongs and social problems which are engaging the attention of thousands today, to secure, if desirable a professional evangelist through the Assembly's Evangelistic Committee. As a Synod, we believe there has been very little evangelistic effort made during the past year. Church work has been going on in the even tenor of its way.

Our church is making progress slowly as to organization, members and social power. The great Presbyterian Church is growing slowly.

Your Committee believes the Church needs an awakening. But we believe it must come through an awakened ministry. "Like Priest, like people."

Even though this be true we must make every effort possible for an awakened Church.

The reports of the churches do not indicate as great a growth and as earnest efforts on the part of pastors and churches as we could wish. Those received into the church in this Synod, on Confession of faith in 1901 numbered 8,333; in 1902, 8,839; in 1903, 9,183; in 1904, 9,044; in 1905, 8,906; in 1906, 10,835; in 1907, 11,206; in 1908, 9,786.

The average additions in this Synod per year during the past eight years has been 9,490. Taking last year as a basis our net increase is only a little over one per cent. The Synod is not gaining on the world as it might. It is also suggestive that while our people are growing richer, they are not growing more benevolent.

1. We suggest that the Presbyterial Evangelistic Committees might do more good by holding Conferences with pastors, sessions and church workers, urging special evangelistic efforts in each church during the coming year.

2. We call the attention of the Presbyteries to the action of General Assembly's Evangelistic Committee in designating Rev. E. F. Hallenbeck, D.D., as a special representative of that Committee to the Synod of New York. We suggest that the Presbyteries avail themselves of any help which he and the Assembly's Committee may be able to render.

3. The happy experiences of some of our Presbyteries with regularly employed Evangelists lead us to suggest the consideration of this plan by other Presbyteries. At the same time, we realize the necessity of exercising great care in the selection of evangelists. Great harm may result from securing a man without the grace and the talent to help make our Church a Spiritual force.

4. We recommend that the Clerk of Synod be directed to print the resolutions and so much of this report as may be practicable in the Minutes of Synod.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Judicial Business the following action was taken:

In compliance with the decision of the Judicial Commission of the General Assembly, as shown by its minutes, the Synod remands to the Presbytery of Buffalo, the papers in the case of the Rev. R. J. Campbell against the Presbytery of Buffalo, with the direction that the Presbytery of Buffalo comply with the decision of the Judicial Commission of the General Assembly, which is as follows:

"It is therefore, the judgment of the Judicial Commission, that the complaint herein be and it is hereby sustained and that the cause be remanded to

the Synod of New York with direction to that Judicatory to remand it to the Presbytery of Buffalo under instructions to reopen the case and conduct it to a conclusion, in accordance with the methods of procedure prescribed by the Constitution of the Church including the giving of official notice to the pastor and congregation of the Blasdell Church, of whatever action may be contemplated by the Presbytery with reference to a dissolution of the pastoral relation between them."

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following report in reference to the Judicial cases submitted to it:

Case No. 1.—Written notice of Appeal and Complaint to the Synod of New York vs. the Presbytery of New York, in the matter of the Appeal of four Elders of Westminster Church of West 23d Street New York City.

They report that they have found the papers in order and would recommend that the matter be submitted to a Judicial Commission.

Case No. 2.—Written notice of Appeal and Complaint to the Synod of New York vs. the Presbytery of New York in the matter of the *Dissolution* of the Westminster Church of West 23d Street, New York City.

They report that they have found the papers in order, and would recommend that the matter be submitted to the same Commission as above.

Case No. 3.—Rev. Richard J. Campbell vs. the Presbytery of Buffalo.

They report that they have found the papers in order, and recommend that the matter be submitted to a Judicial Commission different from the one above.

The report of the Committee was accepted and its recommendations were adopted.

The following persons were appointed a Judicial Commission to act upon the cases relating to Westminster Church, New York City:

Rev. Messrs. Rice V. Hunter, James H. Robinson, Charles S. Lane, G. Murray Colville, Edward P. Bailey, Henry A. Porter, Samuel W. Steele, Louis F. Ruf, and Elders Edgar A. Spencer, Ira Goddard, Selah B. Strong, Eddy C. Shumway, Edmund P. Platt, Edwin W. Danford.

The Judicial Commission to act on the case of Rev. R. J. Campbell vs. the Presbytery of Buffalo was constituted as follows: Rev. Messrs. William H. Hubbard, Alexander Rankin, John J. Hall, George C. Frost, J. Wilson Brainard, Ira W. Henderson, Charles S. Tator, Murray S. Howland and Elders Joseph E. Messenger, James Mitchell, Orson W. Sloat, Arthur E. Cushman, Sebastian G. Lewis, Erwin N. Rowley, Charles O. Polhemus.

The Synod engaged in the celebration of the Lord's Supper according to previous arrangement.

Synod then adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 8 o'clock P. M.

A popular meeting was held in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions, Rev. Charles A. Richmond, D.D., and Rev. C. Waldo Cherry, presiding.

Addresses were made by Rev. Charles Stetzle, Secretary of the Department of Church and Labor of the Board of Home Missions and by Rev. Frank W. Bible, from Hangchow, China, Missionary under the care of the Foreign Board.

THURSDAY, October 22, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered and business was resumed. The Roll Call was omitted.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following Committee on the Presbyterian Brotherhood: Rev. Messrs. John R. Mackay, D.D., J. Milton Thompson, D.D., Gurdon H. Eggleston and Elders James Yereance and Sanford R. Knapp, Henry A. Hompe.

The Committee on Presbyterial Boundaries presented the following report which was accepted, its recommendations adopted, and the Committee was continued:

Your committee was appointed by the Synod of a year ago to consider and report upon two matters:

1. An overture from the Presbytery of Cayuga asking for a general re-arrangement of Presbyterial boundaries, especially west of the Hudson River.

2. The question of boundary between the Presbyteries of Brooklyn and Nassau.

With reference to the first matter your committee would report that, with a view to more intelligent discharge of its duty, it wrote to the several Presbyteries through their Stated Clerks, requesting that they would consider and vote upon two questions:

1. Whether they favored such general re-arrangement of Presbyterial boundaries and

2. Whether they desired in particular any re-arrangement of their own boundary, or the transfer of any church.

At a meeting of the Committee, on the 26th of May, 1908, it was reported that answers had been received from the Presbyteries as follows:

Hudson and Lyons had not replied. Eight Presbyteries reported no action taken, namely: Albany, Boston, Champlain, Geneva, Genesee, Long Island, Nassau, Rochester. Thirteen answered the first question affirmatively, namely: Brooklyn, Buffalo, Binghamton, Cayuga, Chemung, North River, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, Westchester.

Thirteen answered the second question in the negative, namely: Buffalo, Binghamton, Cayuga, Columbia, New York, Niagara, North River, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, Westchester. Of these New York answered the whole overture in the negative. Three answered the second question in the affirmative: Brooklyn, Chemung, Steuben. Chemung offered a scheme for the redistricting of the Presbyteries of the entire Synod. Boston asked the Committee to remember the possibility of the organization of a new Synod which might affect the boundaries of certain Presbyteries now affiliated with the Synod of New York. A careful examination of this correspondence has revealed the fact that Presbyteries which reported no action, and also the Presbyteries, with one or two exceptions, which answered the first question affirmatively, seemed not in favor of any general re-arrangement of Presbyterial boundaries, but that their vote would simply indicate a willingness wherever two or more Presbyteries desired any readjustment of their own boundaries, that Synod should consider their application. Your committee is of the opinion that the sentiment of the Synod is strongly opposed to any attempt at a general re-arrangement of Presbyterial boundaries and therefore recommends that the attempt be not made.

Evidently there is strong feeling throughout the state of the great value of historic continuity in the life of a Presbytery, which should discourage heedless or needless meddling with its organization. There seems, however, a somewhat general impression that there might be special instances where the boundaries of two or more adjoining Presbyteries might wisely be re-located, and that, if the Presbyteries concerned favor such action, the Synod should be willing to consider its feasibility.

We recommend, therefore, that the second question in our letter of inquiry be now sent down to the several Presbyteries by the authority of Synod, with a direction that, if they desire any such particular re-arrangement or transfer in their own case, they take definite action as early as may be, and report the action to such Committee as Synod may appoint, in time for a careful consideration of the whole matter by the Committee before the meeting of Synod in the fall of 1909.

A petition has been referred to us from the Church of Springfield, Mass., asking that that church be transferred from the Presbytery of Westchester, either to some newly formed Presbytery or to the Presbytery of Boston.

Since it appears that the Church has not communicated its desire to the Presbytery of Westchester with which it is now connected, we recommend that

the papers be sent back to the Church, with direction that they should go first to the Presbytery, that Presbytery may take action upon them, and report to Synod in orderly manner.

With regard to the boundary between the Presbytery of Brooklyn and Nassau, we would report that Brooklyn has expressed desire, and that Nassau by action taken last June had consented, that all territory lying within the present limits of Greater New York, (except Far Rockaway) should be transferred to the Presbytery of Brooklyn. At a meeting held in October the Presbytery of Nassau rescinded this action, and desired that the boundary be left unchanged.

Certain Churches within the disputed district, namely: Forest Park, Richmond Hill, Springfield, St. Albans and Jamaica First, have taken action asking that they individually be transferred to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

Your committee, desiring so far as possible to meet the convictions of all these brethren, and to promote the fullest harmony among them, would recommend at this time only, that the several requests of the five churches above named be granted.

We recommend therefore:

1. That no attempt be made at a general re-arrangement of Presbyterial boundaries.

2. That the petition and other papers from the Church of Springfield, Mass., be sent back to the Church, with direction that they communicate with the Presbytery of Westchester, in order that the Presbytery may take action and report to Synod next fall.

3. That the following five Churches of the Presbytery of Nassau be transferred to the Presbytery of Brooklyn; Forest Park, Richmond Hill, Springfield, St. Albans, Jamaica First.

4. That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to pay the necessary expenses of the Committee for printing, postage and mileage to the amount of $32.63.

In connection with the above report the following action was taken:

Whereas, the Churches of Forest Park, Richmond Hill, St. Albans, Springfield and Jamaica First have each requested to be transferred from the Presbytery of Nassau to the Presbytery of Brooklyn, it is hereby resolved and ordered that said churches be and hereby are transferred from the care of the Presbytery of Nassau to the care of the Presbytery of Brooklyn and that Rev. J. Howard Hobbs, Rev. Daniel W. Skellinger and Rev. Sidney H. Barrett be and are hereby detached from the Presbytery of Nassau and united to the Presbytery of Brooklyn and resolved that the boundary of the Presbytery of Nassau be changed by detaching from said Presbytery the territory occupied by the above named churches and said territory so detached be and hereby is united to the territory in the present bounds of the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

The following resolution introduced by Rev. Charles A. Richmond, D.D., was adopted:

Looking towards the fulfillment of our Lord's Prayer that we all may be one,

Be it resolved, that the Synod of New York appoint a Committee consisting of four ministers and three elders, to be called the Committee on Church Unity.

The duty of this Committee shall be to cooperate with Christian Churches of other denominations in the bringing about of closer relations within the bounds of the Synod in the prosecution of Christian work, to the end that duplication and waste may be prevented and greater harmony prevail in the fulfilling of our common mission.

The Rev. Charles A. Richmond, D.D., was appointed Chairman of the Committee with power to name the other members which were named as follows: Rev. Messrs. William R. Richards, William R. Taylor, George B. Stewart and Elders John E. Parsons, William Milne and Edgar A. Spencer.

The Rev. Andrew M. Brodie, D.D., presented the report of the Committee on Young People's Societies, which was accepted and is as follows:

It is quite impossible to give an adequate, just or satisfactory report of the work of our Young People, when only 18 of our 31 presbyteries make report of any kind. The task is increased when only 11 of these use the blanks provided; four using those of a previous issue and three report by letter. All of which goes to show that the organized work of our Young People is not taken seriously by the churches and pastors, as a whole. There are splendid exceptions.

The 18 Presbyteries report 885 Societies including boys' clubs, girls' clubs, Social, Literary, Musical and Athletic organizations, having a total membership of 31,284, being 2,535 in excess of last year. Ten thousand and seventeen, or about one-third, are members of the Church. Nine hundred thirty-two were added to the Church during the year.

Our Young People gave to the Boards of the Church, $25,806, and contributed for local expenses, $20,311. This shows an upward turn, as the same societies, last year gave more for local expenses than for beneficence.

A further consideration of these figures reveals the fact that the Young People contributed through their societies an average of 82 cents for Missions and 64 cents for local purposes, an average contribution of $1.64 per member. The wonder is not that they gave so little but that they gave so much. From the constant and urgent appeals many have come to think their sole purpose is to be a financial agency for the Boards. Appeals are necessary, giving is good, but knowledge and spirituality are better, for they include the former.

The 885 Societies report 932 conversions, a little more than one for each Society and one convert for every 33 members. In the Church at large there is reported one convert for each 16 members. Again we are inclined to think if it takes 33 of our enthusiastic young people to secure one new member, that the zeal of our young people does not impel them to compass land and sea to make one convert. But when we remember the looseness of many of these organizations, the method of conducting the meetings the lack of light and leadership, and too often of the sympathy and co-operation of the pastor, the wonder is that there were so many.

Out of 885 societies only 137 report any classes for the study of the Bible and Missions. The imperative need of the hour is Instruction. Instruction in the Word, and an acquaintance with the work of the Church. If the Young People of our Churches are to be a Spiritual Force they must know the Word and the Work of the Master going on in the world.

Your Committee would call your attention to the General Assembly's recommendation, which reads: "The General Assembly recommends that the first Sabbath in February be designated as Young People's Day, and that an appropriate service be held on the evening of this day."

As this Sunday is the anniversary of the organization of the Christian Endeavor Association, it would seem a fitting day for the meeting suggested. The fact that many ministers have no young people's society of any kind, some Presbyteries having only one young peoples society for every three churches, would indicate that a campaign of organization was about due.

Your Committee would make two suggestions:

We would urge the adoption of the Educational course of the Young People's Department or some similar plan for instruction in the Word and Work, that there may be better religious education in all our societies. Nor do we think it amiss to urge the sending of a number of young men and women to attend one of the Summer Conferences this coming season.

Not a few feel that the Christian Endeavor has lost much of its early vigor and is about to die. Let it die. It is foolish and wicked to suppose that the spiritual life of our young people is bound up with any method or organization. Something more forceful and more Christlike must be devised to take its place. Methods and forms are useful, but when they cease to work, they ought to be replaced by others better adapted to the demands of the day.

The time has come when we must cease to worship uniformity and give more attention to efficiency.

Every pastor must be a student of his own problem and in his own way, must organize and train his young people to do the work at hand.

Then and only then, will the young people become the spiritual force they ought to be in the community.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief was presented by Rev. John A. Ingham, D.D., and it was accepted. Pending its

acceptance, the Synod was addressed by Rev. Lewis G. Leary, Ph.D. The substance of the report is as follows:

Offerings from the churches for current work of the Board exceeds $100,000 for the first time.

Pennsylvania's gifts exceed New York's, but her greater demands upon the Board place New York first in the excess of her contributions over her withdrawals, viz.: $3,429.59.

Our offerings exceed those of last year by $170. A net gain of nearly $1,500 in the rest of the Synod has been largely offset by a loss of nearly $1,300 in the contributions of New York Presbytery, owing unquestionably to the prevailing financial conditions.

In offerings per communicant, Columbia and Westchester crossed the twenty-cent line, and Troy the ten-cent line. Binghamton, Buffalo, Cayuga, Chemung, North River and Syracuse also showed substantial gains.

The coming year, 1909, is to bring us the fourth centennial anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, the third centennial of Henry Hudson's famous voyage in the Half Moon, the centennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, and (in all probability) a total of 200,000 communicants in our home presbyteries. In such a notable year, shall we not contribute at least twelve and one-half cents per member to Ministerial Relief, a total sum of $25,000? We can if we will.

In connection with the report on Ministerial Relief, prayer was offered by Rev. George Alexander, D.D.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance offered the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

If your Committee should venture to summarize present conditions, we would say: OUR NATIONAL GIBRALTAR IS SERIOUSLY IMPERILLED TODAY, more so, we fear, than the church realizes. That which Voltaire considered the very citadel of the Christianity which he sought to destroy, our Christian Sabbath, is attacked on all sides by its foes.

The past year, within the bounds of this Synod, has emphasized the danger of the situation. It has shown that the trend of the 20th century is in the direction of a secularized Sunday. While there are counter-currents and hopeful signs, the tendency is away from the sacred day. Whether this is a temporary reaction, a tidal wave, which will subside, as we trust and believe, or a permanent condition, there seems little doubt that the Sabbath of our fathers has gone, and that we are now passing through a reactionary period.

The Continental Sunday has come to America and has been carried to a wild extreme in many places, as is the temptation and danger of our more strenuous methods of living. A Continental Sunday is much more dangerous, when Americanized, than on the other side of the water.

We might mention, a few samples taken from towns, cities and resorts within the bounds of the Synod—the wide open Coney Islands, Wonderlands

and Rocky Points, the Sunday saloons, which are always social curses, the gambling-places, race-tracks, balloon ascensions, baseball games and pugilistic exhibitions—the hawking newsboys, open stores, shops, factories and places of trade and business, the Sunday theatre and vaudeville shows, receptions, functions, banquets, pleasure—automobiling, journeyings, political gatherings—and saddest of all, the silence, sometimes the indulgence in these Sunday secularities and illegalities by reputable citizens, if not by church members themselves, and finally, the many instances in which church attendance has been decreased, while Sabbath desecrating resorts are overcrowded.

We might mention the legislative trend toward a weakening of our present laws, leading to commercial schemes and lax indulgences on the Lord's day, and still worse, the yielding of officers of the law, and even of courts of justice to a popular clamor made by self-seeking aliens or degenerate natives, to lower the standard of the fathers or wink at the indulgencies of a hoodlum and lawless element.

While we are obliged to refer to these demoralizing conditions as proof of the statement that our strongest bulwark of law, order, morals and religion, our very Gibraltar is imperilled as never before, we would not forget that there are in these days strong defenders of the faith, men and women of God, who by private and organized methods, are standing guard on the besieged fortifications. They have gained victories in several instances in different localities throughout this and other states, and they deserve great credit, but they have not yet stayed the tide, which seems to run higher today than a year ago.

We have even seen during the past year, our National Government officially approving and commending the noisy and demoralizing sports and ball games of its soldiers and sailors on the Lord's day, and also, the Congress of the United States failing to insert a Sunday closing clause in the grant to the Seattle Exposition, as requested last year by this body and other bodies, representing 3,000,000 people.

It is true that these things occurred in the same city, where President Roosevelt listened to the statements of a local Committee, led by a Presbyterian pastor and endorsed by a Presbyterian layman, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, and then issued an order forbidding any other than emergency work on the Lord's day in government offices and by government officials.

It is true that in connection with the progress of the tidal wave of temperance throughout the South and some other states, there has been a revival of civic righteousness and Sabbath keeping.

True in New Jersey, Idaho, Missouri and in spots throughout the country, there has been an improvement in Sunday legislation and a better enforcement of Sunday laws—at least spasms of reform.

While we mention these and thank God for every sign of advance on the part of His people and good citizens, we still must recognize the materialistic trend of modern life.

To specify the enemies more minutely, we mention:

1. The open, blatant forces of infidelity, atheism and anarchy, which are arrayed against God, His Word, His Day and Civil government.

2. The greedy worldings of society, who hesitate not to make the Lord's day, as the traders did the temple of old, a place of gain, business.

3. The devotees of pleasure, who, in this pleasure-seeking age, degrade and debauch a venerable and hallowed institution.

4. Lukewarm, indifferent and worldly men and women, (sometimes church members) whose unscriptural beliefs, teachings and practices on the Lord's day, whose careless and inconsistent lives during the week, often bringing their trade, feasts, cards, dancing and theatrical parties into the early hours of Sunday morning, these strike a dagger into the very heart of the Sabbath.

But how are these and other forces which might be mentioned, to be met, is the practical question before this body?

It is not enough to lay the whole blame on the foreigner, who, we must admit, is responsible for much, and cry out against his admission into this land of opportunity. The foreigner has been America's greatest blessing, and even in his worst form, he does not account for a large amount of our Sunday secularism. A *degeneration* in many instances, *of the native stock*, children of Puritan and Pilgrim forefathers, is a graver question today than that of immigration.

We claim that our *Gibraltar* must be defended in much the same way as the English have defended *their* Gibraltar, which they captured from the Spaniards in 1704, and have held ever since.

1. Use and guard the natural bulwark. 2. Employ new methods of defense, as each advancing age demands.

Our old natural bulwarks are the rock-ribbed defenses found in the one hundred and seventy or more passages of God's word, centering in that command at Sinai, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." We cannot repeat the Divine arguments for its sanctity too often. "Thus saith the Lord" is a sufficient basis for the maintenance of this institution, and no other basis can be substituted for it. To attempt to preserve one day in seven as a civil rest day, without regard to its *sacred* nature, has always been and always must be, *a failure*. It is impregnable only as it rests on Divine sanctions.

But again, the scriptural and Divine argument is strong, as it is adapted to the conditions of the age. New conditions and new methods of warfare must be employed. As England has been obliged to constantly change its methods in the defense of her Gibraltar, so this age requires of us certain lines of defense which we must not fail to use.

The day of rest and worship is revealed not merely in Theology but in all the wisdom which God has compacted into science, art, literature and economics.

If we cannot convince the workingman with an argument from scripture, as to the eternal value of the one day in seven, we can point to his own body "fearfully and wonderfully made," which is nature's endorsement of the fourth commandment.

If the business man cannot be reached by an appeal to "Remember the Sabbath day" of the fathers, he may heed the financial argument which

proves that seven days trade and secularities in the week do not eventually pay, but are dangerous and destructive.

If the voter and law-maker cannot be induced to side with us on dogmatic grounds, they may be led to regard an institution, which has always been the bulwark of morals and good citizenship.

If the patriot does not listen to the call of duty, through the patriotism of the prophets, he may be led to see that the Sabbath day has always been the citadel of Christian civilization.

If stay-at-homes from the Christian Church cannot be reformed by an appeal to God's word, they may be shown that as members of society, they *owe* the church, society's most valuable asset, their presence and support.

It is our judgment, therefore, that we should *emphasize* the wondrous side-defenses of modern times. Good citizens and especially educated citizens should guard "the land marks which our fathers have set."

In view of the perils and needs of the hour, your Committee respectfully submits the following resolutions:

1. That this Body petition the President and the President elect of the United States, not to allow during their administration, the army and navy of the United States to engage in baseball and other sports on Sunday.

2. That this Body petition the next Senate and House of Representatives of the United States to enact a law prohibiting Sunday banking in Post Offices, in handling money-orders and registered letters.

3. That this Body petition the next Senate and House of Representatives to enact a law that shall require all individuals and corporations engaged in interstate commerce to give each of their employees who work on Sunday a full twenty-four hour rest day during the next six days, and to give every employee at least seventeen full twenty-four-hour rest days on the *first* day of the week, during each year.

4. That this Body express its approval of the practice which is becoming more and more common on the part of mills and factories to make Saturday afternoon a *half holiday* and also on the part of stores, to close, at as early an hour on Saturday evening as possible, in the interests of their clerks and of the general public, especially of the young.

5. That we express our hearty endorsement of the position taken by the National Association of Registered Druggists at their last five national gatherings, commending the sale in all drug stores, on the Lord's day, only of that which comes under the head of necessity and mercy.

6. That this Body express once more its disapproval of the *Sunday Newspaper*, and again call the attention of Christian people to the advanced position taken by England and Canada forbidding its printing, circulation and Sunday importation from the United States.

7. That we heartily commend to the pastors of this Synod a frequent presentation of the claims of the day of rest and worship along natural, civic and economic lines, as related to and emphasized by the Scriptures.

8. That we recommend to our pastors and churches, in accordance with the recommendation of several General Assemblies, that the *Lord's Day Week*,

beginning with the first Sunday after Easter be generally observed as far as is possible.

9. That we approve of the call of the International Federation of Sabbath Societies, which has been forwarded to this Body as well as to all religious and reformed bodies of the country and accepted by many, to join in the formation of a NATIONAL LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE in the United States, and that three delegates be appointed to represent this Body at the gathering to be held in Pittsburg, Pa., on December 2, 3, and 4, 1908, to complete such organization if the way be clear.

10. That this Synod continue for another year its special committee on Sunday Rest for Railroad Employees, the Committee to present at their discretion, before the Legislative and other authorities of the State of New York a request for the action sought by the overture of the Presbytery of Niagara in 1907.

11. That we commend the Sabbath Observance organizations within our bounds to the pastors and churches of this Synod.

The Rev. Charles H. Taylor of the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Joseph Millett of the Dutch Reformed Church and Rev. Philip B. Strong of the Hudson River Central Baptist Association, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Committee on Church Erection, Rev. Alexander G. Russell, Chairman, presented its report which was accepted. Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, D.D., addressed the Synod in connection with the report, which is as follows:

The Board of Church Erection is now in its 39th year, and never was its work more necessary, more useful or more successful. In common with all the other agencies of the Church, the field of its operations has of late been greatly enlarged, owing to the union with the Cumberland Church. Originally designed "to help principally feeble Churches erecting inexpensive buildings, especially in the west," it has long since widened the scope of its beneficence until it now expands over the whole of the Republic.

Thirty-five separate states of the Union, besides Porto Rico and Cuba, sought and obtained its aid last year. Nearly one-half of our 279 Presbyteries endorsed requests for grants in favor of Church edifices and manses, while 250 buildings with an aggregate value of nearly $850,000 were completed and freed from debt by its co-operation. Four states absorbed nearly one-third of last year's grants:

Minnesota receiving for 20 churches, $12,850; Oklahoma for 28, $16,580; Texas with 18, $18,050, and California for the same number, $21,866.

Six states have secured help to the amount of over $300.000 each. Since the Board began its operations, at the head of the list stands Iowa $406,000,

then Kansas, $342,000, Pennsylvania, $320,000, Ohio, $314,000, Illinois, $311,000, while Minnesota brings up the rear with $310,000.

Up to the beginning of the present ecclesiastical year, the Board had received and paid out over five millions of dollars and aided 8,106 churches. Year by year its work has grown, the number of applications showing a steady increase. For 1907–'08, they averaged one for nearly every working day in the year. The last annual report shows that 366 obtained help amounting to $223,812 an average of $611 for each one.

These figures may well excite our amazement when we remember the limited resources of the Board. Church Erection comes fourth in the amount of its annual revenues. The Board of Home Missions naturally stands at the head, with Foreign Missions not far behind, their united incomes being over two and one-half millions.

Next comes the College Board, which appeals with particular force to Presbyterians, as is evidenced by its half million dollars. Then follows, but a long way behind, the Church Erection Board, with less than $200,000 and the cause for this difference is easily ascertained. Of over 10,017 churches only 4,820 sent in any contribution. This was, it is true, 656 more than the year previous, but it shows widespread neglect. If every one of the 8,000 and more churches which have been the beneficiaries of the Board annually endeavored to discharge its obligations by making a gift to bring similar relief to others, the Board's treasury would speedily be filled and the hearts of its Secretaries encouraged. That the Synod is not wholly neglectful of its duty is manifested by the latest figures furnished your Committee from Secretary White, showing the total contributions and appropriations within the Synod for the year ending April 1st, 1908.

Our churches gave $14,744.63 and received $3,300. Since that date additional loans have been made from the Treasury, but when these are counted there still appears a handsome balance to the credit of the Empire State.

Nevertheless, our people are not doing their full duty, and your Committee would urge upon all our pastors that they stir up their congregations to a still greater degree of liberality. The work of Church Erection ought to appeal very strongly to all who love their country, as one of inestimable value and paramount necessity to her highest welfare. It grows increasingly important with the increase of population.

To quote from the Board's Report to the Assembly of 1908:

"The hand of the Master is pointing onward. His voice is ever saying 'Go Onward.'

Vast areas of our land long unoccupied, formerly supposed to be arid and desert, are now resounding with the tramp of invading armies coming to take peaceful possession; new villages and embryo cities are springing up soon to be centres of a vast population destined to make these once neglected regions blossom like the rose.

Into these regions the gospel message must go with the first settlers and as the Churches are organized, they must have Houses of Worship, since for want of them the newly gathered flocks will be scattered and the work die."

The Rev. Charles A. Richmond, D.D., presented the following report on Home Missions which was accepted and after an address on the subject by Rev. Charles Stelzle, its recommendations were adopted:

The moment this subject is broached we are impressed with the expansion of the work. The field of Home Missionary enterprise has always been wide, but the farthest sighted seer of a century ago, in his widest vision, never saw anything approaching the magnitude of the present Home Missionary operations. Today it really takes the mind of a statesman to grasp in any adequate degree its measure and scope.

Ellis Island comes to view with its 1,200,000 emigrants every year. There is Porto Rico with a tropical people and tropical conditions; Alaska, the land of perpetual snow, the Red Men of East and West, the Pimas and other Indians of our great West who are learning about Jesus from our active and zealous missionaries.

The vastness of the work is overpowering.

The address to the General Assembly this year was entitled "The New Era in Home Missions." The essence of that address is contained in the following statement: "The work has now become national in territory and scope, and international to an acute degree in its relations and responsibilities. These last days have witnessed such changes as are beyond the voice or the control of man and force the Church into a clear recognition that it, as well as the nation, has entered into a new era."

Certainly the time has come when we must readjust our minds to another scale. Imperialism may be a dead issue as far as political discussion goes, but when we come to the subject of Home Missions, we must learn to think imperially.

Again, we are impressed by the Appeal of Home Missions, for the very word "Home" calls up something nearby, something intimate. It makes the first and strongest appeal to the human heart and justly so, for the home is to the community and the nation, what the heart is to the body, it must be "kept with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life." The Home Church must be strong before it can help the weak. The measure of power in the Foreign field depends directly upon the thoroughness of our work in the Home field. If we are to christianize the Zulus, the Igorotes or the tribes of the Zambezi, we must have a christian America. And here we have our hands full. Consider a few specimens of the aliens or the unassimilated people in our land: some 300,000 Indians, good and bad; 350,000 Mexicans in America, mostly bad; two million mountain whites, debased but noble in their views, capable a century ago of producing an Abraham Lincoln and as capable today, under the magic touch of the Gospel of Christ.

There are perhaps a million mormons and ten million negroes and eight to ten millions more Porto Ricans and the mixed tribes of the Philippines. They are ours, Americans as we are and every year a million more are added

to our national strength or weakness from Europe. This is our task. God has made it ours, we cannot avoid nor divide it.

We call this a Christian nation, we have some right to the name, but how long will it bear this process of dilution, which is going on annually. The growth of this nation is not by natural increase in American families, such increase is insignificant compared with that of the foreigners who come to our shores. If you meet a family of ten or twelve, it will not be one of native but foreign stock. A few of them may be educated, God-fearing, but the majority must be slowly and patiently trained.

It is the business of the State to see that they are made good American citizens. But who shall make them good christians? This duty seems to be laid at the door of the Church.

The greatest problem that faces our country today is that of Home Evangelization. You may not believe it, but take that statement home and ponder over it and you must come to accept it.

Some time ago the President called together the Governors of the several States to consider the waste of natural resources and to devise means for their conservation and development. That was well, but we would like to see a convention to consider the waste of our *spiritual* resources and to devise some plan for *their* conservation and development. Here is the most sinful waste, and if we only had eyes that could see beyond the seen and the temporal, if our horizon could only be extended beyond the rim of a silver dollar, we must realize that even the conservation of our natural resources, nay the very maintenance of our superb national life, depends on our remaining christian and in becoming more christian. We can all see that this nation strong and healthy as it is, has been given a hard task and will have to work wonders if she assimilates all the human indigestibles which have been so mercilessly and constantly thrust upon her. It will not be easy to convert them all into good American citizens.

But that is our task, the task of Home Missions. One of our own prophets has said: "The future of the world is pivotal on the question whether the Protestant Church of America can hold, enlighten and purify the people born or gathered into its great compass." Some question all this and criticize the Church. Some say Christian socialism will do what the Church fails to do. Many socialists do not believe in ministers and churches.

And still with all which can be said against the church and against the failure of Christianity to bring in an era of justice, liberty and peace, the fact remains that no other agency on earth has begun to do as much. We need not less Christianity, but more, more of Christ in the heart and in the life. In the words of another, "The Christian Church can do more than Political Economists. The Church's remedy for social disorder is Christianity as taught in the New Testament." We believe that Home Missions simply apply the Christianity of the New Testament. How much do we believe this? What is the temperature of Home Missions in this Synod? Let us apply the pocket thermometer.

Look at the General Assembly minutes. In 1907, this Synod was credited with gifts to this cause amounting to $411,489. In 1908, $407,715 a loss of $3,774. During the year there has been a net gain to our churches of 3,278 members. There has been a substantial gain in the last twenty years. In 1888, the offerings to Home Missions were $300,000; in 1908 $407,000, an increase of over 100,000 dollars. But during this period our membership has increased nearly 54,000.

Now turn to the actual receipts of the Board and we find in 1888 they were $170,128 and in 1908, they sent $19,000 less. In the meantime we have gained 54,000 members, all presumably able to give something to Home Missions. But this is not all loss. To give the Synod its dues, we have in those twenty years contributed increasingly to Synodical Missions. In 1889 the amount reported was $9,683. This year $20,745. Year by year we have been drawing less from the Board. We are now classed among the self-supporting Synods. In 1898, we drew $39,651 from the Home Board. This year we took only $4,412, half of which was used for the Iroquois Indians in Buffalo Presbytery and the other half to Evangelize the city of Boston, Mass., which we believe was money well spent.

In congratulating ourselves on these advances, it is proper to say we are not exactly at the head of the procession.

Pennsylvania expends $104,863 on Synodical Missions, a gain of $11,000 over the previous year.

Reduce this to a basis of gifts per member and we find that it was $1.20 a member in 1888 and this year 83 cents. Twenty years is long enough to show a drift and to justify a general statement.

Twenty years ago we were drawing $40,000 from the Home Board per year and now only $4,000. There has been a net gain in our gifts during these years of $28,000. Meantime we have gained 54,000 members and hence have added that number to our giving strength.

Two things seem evident: 1. The giving power of the Synod has increased. 2. There is less disposition among our people to make the Board of Home Missions, the channel of their benevolence.

There are two things to which we should address ourselves:

1. We must bring our Home Board to the very highest possible standard of economy and efficiency, so that a dollar contributed there will do more than a dollar contributed through any other channel and this is largely the task of the Board itself.

2. We ministers and elders must impress our people with the truth that our Home Board is the best existing agency for evangelization. There is money enough, enough consecration.

If we can only get the Presbyterians of this Synod to see the greatness of this subject, the urgency of the problem and the idea that it is the duty of every lover of God, of his church and his country, to engage in this work, then shall our labor not be in vain. It is a work which God lays specifically upon the heart of every minister and elder in the Synod of New York. It is

Resolved, that we commend the grace, wisdom and enterprise of the Board of Home Missions and that we pledge them a more earnest and generous support in their effort to meet the growing demands of their work.

The Committee on Foreign Missions through Rev. C. Waldo Cherry presented its report which was accepted. Addresses were given by Rev. Frederic E. Stockwell, Rev. William P. Schell and Messrs. Edmund P. Platt and David McConaughy, after which the following recommendations were adopted, No. five being passed under suspension of the rules.

Prayer was offered by Rev. John R. Mackay, Ph.D.

Your Foreign Mission's Committee is glad to report that the work in our State for the last year shows on the whole an encouraging advance. The financial report of the Board give us an increase of $30,457 in total offerings exclusive of the offerings of the Woman's Boards. Twenty-one Presbyteries made an advance in their total gifts and only six lost ground. In one Presbytery, Steuben, this loss is only apparent and is due to an oversight in reporting an item of $500.00 so that instead of a deficit of $300.00 Steuben has made a gain of $200.00. This takes the Presbytery out of the list of delinquents and leaves only five Presbyteries which have actually fallen off in their gifts to Foreign Missions during the past year. Five Presbyteries have made a gain of $1,000 or over. They are Brooklyn, Genesee, Hudson, New York and Westchester. Four have gained over $500.00 They are Troy, Rochester, Niagara and Nassau. It is of interest to note that of these nine Presbyteries making the largest gains seven have held Foreign Mission campaigns during the last three years, thus indicating the effectiveness of this method in awakening missionary interest and lifting the churches to a higher standard of giving.

The chairman has also been in correspondence with these Presbyteries with a view to discovering what methods have been used by the Presbyterial committees to secure an advance. From the replies received we make the following suggestive quotations. "We tried to convince Presbytery that we were very much in earnest and not simply making a report because it had to be done." "We have each member of the committee doing something, the chairman does not try to do it all." Again, "We aim at something during the year." Still again, "I am working for all it is worth the educational movement, i.e., mission study classes and missions in the Sunday School." We are encouraged by these replies to feel that there is an increasing disposition among our Presbyterial committees to take their work seriously, to push it intelligently and energetically. Such a disposition cannot fail to be fruitful of results as is abundantly demonstrated in the Presbyterial advances above indicated.

Turning from the brighter to the darker side we find reason for concern in the fact that while only five Presbyteries have actually decreased in their total

offerings that eleven have decreased in their church offerings, thus indicating that a portion of our total gain is due not to the steady increase of congregational interest but to the offerings of organizations or individuals within the churches.

We note also with special surprise and concern that one of our largest and ablest Presbyteries is among the five which have lost ground during the year in their total gifts, the deficit of this Presbytery being almost $2,000. Our correspondence would not seem to indicate that there is any particular reason for these losses although one chairman complains of a general lack of missionary interest in his Presbytery and a disposition upon the part of the Presbytery itself to oppose any effort of its committee to improve present conditions. Generally speaking, we believe that the Presbyterial committee is the most important factor in the success or failure of the work. Presbyteries should see to it not only that the members of their committee are composed of men who are enthusiastic believers and workers in the cause of Foreign Missions but also that the members of the committee are located within convenient reach of each other and in the important centres of population where the bulk of their work needs to be done.

There is need also that the Presbyterial committee itself should possess some organization which will not lay the entire burden of the work upon the chairman and which will provide that in the event of the chairman's withdrawal there shall not be a hiatus of leadership and of work until the next meeting of Presbytery.

We still confess to a slight feeling of regret at the extreme reluctance of some of the Presbyterial chairmen to use the mails and we deplore the rooted conviction that seems to exist in certain districts that the communications of the Synodical chairman can be answered by auto-suggestion. On the other hand it is a great pleasure to the chairman to confess that he owes as much in the way of encouragement as of accomplishment to the prompt, hearty and faithful cooperation of the Presbyterial committees,and he desires to record his belief that the increase in interest and in gifts which is generally apparent throughout the Synod this year and which has taken place in spite of the fact that we have been passing through a period of unusual financial depression is very largely due to the unusual ability, devotion and enterprise of the men to whom the Presbyteries have delegated our Foreign Mission interests.

Our committee have held two meetings during the year at which we have greatly missed the inspiring presence and the wise counsels of our former chairman, Dr. Cleland B. McAfee, and we earnestly hope that he may be soon relieved of the present indisposition which deprives the Synod and the church at large, of such an earnest and efficient worker. The committee have endeavored in so far as they were permitted to be in communication with all the Presbyteries and in touch with the conditions throughout the entire field. Their work for the year has been largely that of cooperating with the Presbyteries and the Board in arranging missionary campaigns. Seven of these campaigns have been held in as many different Presbyteries and one is now pending in the Presbytery of Boston. This fall the committee found it possi-

ble to make an arrangement with the Board whereby they might obtain the services of the Rev. F. W. Bible of Hang Chow, China, as Synodical Foreign Missionary representative during the year of his furlough in this country. The committee entered into an arrangement with the Board whereby the Board agrees to pay Mr. Bible's salary and the committee becomes responsible for his traveling expenses incurred while carrying on the work of the committee in this State. It is the desire of the committee to use Mr. Bible during the next seven months to visit Presbyteries and churches in the interests of our Foreign Mission work. The committee are particularly anxious that he shall reach the remoter Presbyteries and the smaller and less accessible churches where the work has been less frequently presented. If the present plans of the committee receive general approval and cooperation, practically every section of our State so far unreached through missionary campaigns or representatives will be thoroughly gone over by Mr. Bible by next spring. The committee hopes to enter into some financial arrangement with the churches and presbyteries receiving Mr. Bible's services whereby they may meet some portion of his expenses. Whatever deficiency there may be must be met from the Treasury of the committee and through whatever appropriation Synod may see fit to make for the committee's needs. The Treasurer of the committee reports that he has received $100.00 and expended $35.75, leaving a balance of $64.25 in the Treasury. On account of the unusual expenses which it anticipates in connection with Mr. Bible's work, the committee feels that it will need not only this balance in the Treasury but a somewhat larger appropriation from Synod than was made last year.

The committee has striven during the past year to secure the participation of our churches in the great missionary movements which have taken place and also to secure their adoption of the new standards of giving for missions. We commend the Men's Missionary Convention which took place in February at Philadelphia. This convention was attended by 1,682 delegates of whom 1,113 were laymen. From the sources of information at hand we are able to report that the churches of this Synod were largely represented at this great and inspiring convention.

The committee have also sought to promote the formation of mission study classes. Believing that the work of education should go hand in hand with the work of increasing the church's beneficence, we have urged upon pastors, through the presbyterial committees, the establishment of classes for the study of missions among their young people, and reminded them that a department of our Board has been constituted to provide text books and to suggest methods for such study.

For several years the Board has labored under an increasing deficit, the result of decreasing legacies and of special gifts outside the regular channels of appropriation. This debt now amounts to $160,000 and has become so great a menace to the progress of the work that the situation is pressing heavily upon the hearts of those devoted to advancing the cause and kingdom of our Master. On the initiative of one of our Synodical chairman a meeting of the Chairmen of the Eastern District was held in New York, September 30th.

The situation was then gone over and it was felt by all present that there was no alternative but to meet the deficit by a special effort. The Board having appointed a special committee consisting of the chairmen of the six Synodical committees of the Eastern district it was decided that these chairmen with the approval of their committees should ask the Synods of the Eastern district, viz.: Baltimore, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia to raise the amount of the deficit over and above the amount contributed in these Synods through all agencies during the past year. It was also proposed that each Synod be asked to raise as its share an amount proportionate to the contributions of the Synod to Foreign Missions through all channels. The share of New York Synod on this basis is $57,080. If Synod by its action gives approval to the recommendations of the committee and authorizes the raising of the above share of the deficit, the committee will proceed at once to apportion to the Presbyteries through the Presbyterial chairmen their pro rata of the amount to be raised and the Presbyterial chairmen in their turn will be asked to distribute this amount among the churches of their Presbytery in proportion to their ability. Thus we hope through faithful and concerted action that the close of another year will see the removal of this burden of debt from the Board.

We therefore recommend:

I. That Synod instruct its committee on Foreign Missions to proceed to raise its share of the deficit according to the allotment of the same, made by the Board's committee on the deficit; and in accordance with the plan of Presbyterial distribution above outlined.

II. That Synod recognize the importance of the so called Layman's Movement and especially resolutions 1 and 2 adopted at the Men's Missionary convention held in Philadelphia, February 11th, 1908; which resolutions indorsed the conclusions of the Omaha convention, setting as our standard of contribution toward the world's evangelization the amount of six million dollars and as the immediate demand of the world field the raising of at least two million dollars during the coming year.

III. That Synod endorse the movement for the formation of mission study classes and call upon the Presbyteries and the churches to take measures for the formation.

IV. That the name of Rev. Charles McKenzie be substituted for that of Rev. Dr. A. Russell Stevenson as a member of the committee.

V. That Synod appropriate $150.00 or so much thereof as may be required for the use of the committee during the ensuing year to be paid by the Treasurer upon order of the chairman of the committee.

The Committee to collate the reports of the Committees on the records of the Presbyteries, reported, recommending that the records of the following Presbyteries be approved: Albany, Binghamton, Boston, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Cayuga, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Lyons, Nassau, New

York, Niagara, North River, Porto Rico, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, Westchester.

The records of the following Presbyteries were not presented: Chile, Eastern Persia, North Laos, Otsego and Siam.

After prayer, Synod took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, October 22, 2 o'clock P. M.

Synod convened and was opened with prayer.

The following persons were elected delegates to the Convention to be held in Pittsburg, Pa., for the formation of a National Lord's Day Alliance: Rev. Messrs. William S. Hubbell, D.D., Martin D. Kneeland, D.D., and Henry Ward, D.D.

The Committee on the Appointment of an Executive Commission presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted.

1. That the Moderator be instructed to appoint three ministers and three elders to constitute the Executive Commission of Synod who shall act with himself as chairman making seven members in all. The six appointed members shall arrange themselves into three classes to serve one, two and three years respectively.

2. That the Moderator of Synod shall be chairman, ex officio.

3. One minister and one elder shall be appointed annually hereafter to serve for three years.

4. The work of this Commission shall be along the lines of the Executive Commission of the General Assembly, as far as applicable to the work of our Synod.

5. That numbers 2, 3 and 4 shall be placed among our standing rules and shall be numbered seventeen.

The following persons were appointed such Commission: Rev. Messrs. Rice V. Hunter, William H. Hubbard, David G. Wylie and Elders William McCarrell, Edmund P. Platt and Rush Taggart.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that they found no action of that body affecting the Synod which calls for action on our part beyond such as has been already taken. The report was accepted.

The Committee appointed to prepare a resolution of greeting to the retiring Moderator submitted the following which was approved:
To Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, D.D., Campbell, N. Y.:

The Synod of New York extends to you its hearty greeting. We regret your absence from our Assembly and miss your genial presence and wise counsel. It is a joy to us to know of your returning strength. We rejoice in the promise that your life will be spared to your family and to our Presbyterian Church which you have served with such fidelity aud efficiency. Grace mercy and peace be multiplied unto you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

J. F. Carson, Moderator.
J. Wilford Jacks, Stated Clerk.

Rev. Edwards P. Cleaveland presented the following report on Temperance which was accepted, after addresses were given by Mr. J. B. Scoville and Rev. John M. Fulton of the General Assembly's Committee:

Your Committee on Temperance recognizes with profound gratitude the hopeful conditions that prevail today in connection with this great movement, for the uplifting of the individual and for the amelioration of society. Four such reasons for hopefulness call for special mention.

1. The wide spread movement in favor of temperance both in Europe and in America.

2. The growing recognition of the evil of intemperance and of the traffic in spirituous liquors.

3. The movement agitated, if not already initiated, by the brewers and wholesale liquor sellers themselves to reform the saloon as a terrible last resort, to save it from utter extinction. The agitation for such reform is a confession that the efforts to bring about the suppression of this evil are beginning to be felt and feared.

4. The slow but sure progress, by means of scientific investigation, which is bound to be both painstaking and unprejudiced, toward a knowledge of the truth regarding the effects of the habitual use of alcohol upon the human system. Here, as elsewhere, we should not be afraid of the truth whatever it is, and we may be sure that truth will not be inimical to the cause of temperance and of Christian Sobriety.

When the one who prepared this report first came to his present parish, he was informed after some weeks, by some good women that they were waiting to find out where he stood on the temperance question. He answered them "is it possible that a minister of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ needs to tell where he stands on the Temperance question?" Of course there may be exceptions, but your committee assumes that the heart of the church is right on this question. We may differ as to the best methods of dealing with this

great curse. But as to the fact that intemperance is a horrible curse, for the removal of which, we are earnestly to pray and work, we all are of one mind.

It is the opinion of your committee that the church of Jesus Christ sustains to the cause of temperance a relation peculiarly her own; that she has a work to do for this great humanitarian movement which can be done by no other organization; that christian men and women have resting upon them a responsibility of service here, that they cannot escape or shift to other shoulders.

The theme which has been adopted as the guiding thought for this meeting of the Synod of New York, is "The Presbyterian Church as a spiritual force." It has been suggested that the report of your Committee on Temperance should follow as its dominant thought the theme—"Temperance, the Supremacy of the Spirit." Does not this theme suggest what the duty, almost the forgotten duty of the church is? We have been so busy dealing with this great evil on its sociological side that we have often over-looked the individual and the problem which is of supreme importance to him and his family, the problem of his own deliverance from this great curse. Is is not peculiarly the duty of the church to follow the example of her divine Lord and give her attention, not her exclusive attention, and yet her persistent and sympathetic attention to the individual and point out to him the only sure way to recovery. St. Paul tells us: "As many are led by the spirit of God, these are the sons of God." If it be permissible to coin a distinction in words, we may say—All men are Children of God, but not all men are Sons of God. Only those are Sons of God in whose lives the spirit of God is supreme. Those in whose lives God's spirit is Supreme are clothed with power to meet and overcome this great temptation. Has the church forgotten this simple Gospel truth? Has the church forgotten to follow the example of her master in going out to seek and to save that which is lost? So much is said nowadays about the evil of the liquor traffic (and that evil cannot well be painted too black) that we sometimes forget that each individual, as a son of God may have the power to annihilate this evil, so far as he himself is concerned. We may by legislation make it difficult for men to secure liquor and that is well. We may by legislation drive out from the community the intolerable nuisance of the open saloon, and that is a consummation devoutly to be wished, but we must not forget that we cannot by legislation clothe men with the spiritual power they need to resist this great temptation. The only sure way for them to overcome this evil is for them to assert their divine sonship. As a man whose own home is darkened by the shadow of this awful curse, said to the writer of this report the other day, "The only power that will help my son to overcome this awful appetite is the love of Christ." How did he know? From experience.

We hear a great deal of the Emmanuel movement in Boston. We are informed that that movement is accomplishing much, for the deliverance of men, from this curse of alcoholism. But how does it do it? Very largely by getting these victims of this appetite to place themselves under the leadership of the Spirit of God; that Leadership of the Spirit that fills their minds with

right thoughts and purposes and desires; that leadership of the Spirit that inspires them with unfailing confidence of victory.

So much for the supremacy of the Spirit in the heart, of him who is exposed to this terrible temptation.

But your committee also desires to call your attention to the fact that the supremacy of the Spirit in the lives of Christian men and women means that they are thereby endued with the power of sympathetic ministry. Where is ministry more needed than here? What are christian men and women doing for these victims of strong drink in personal, heart to heart ministry? The Priest and the Levite were condemned by our Lord, Why? Not because of anything they did. Simply because they left uncared for, the wounded and bleeding man who had fallen among robbers. Were we to neglect to make every reasonable effort to save a drowning man, we should be severely censured. Are we not equally deserving of censure if we fail to make every reasonable effort to rescue the victim of strong drink. Is not one of the great neglected duties of our church today this duty of personal, heart to heart ministry, to the wretched slave of appetite? A man, once a drunkard, now for eighteen years a total abstainer, said that he was saved under God by a single act of christian kindness. We admire the parable of the Good Samaritan, but there is something better. Put its teaching into practice. This is a form of ministry that is peculiarly difficult, and requires tact and sympathy. But if we have the mind of Christ, like our master, we are controlled by the noblest passion that ever stirred the human heart, "The Love that serves." We shall be anointed with the power to perform even this difficult ministry. Can we give any more convincing evidence than that to show that we are indeed the Sons of God, that we are led by the Spirit of Him, who, because he became the friend of publicans and sinners revealed unto them the reality of the Heavenly Father's love?

Your committee has no formal recommendations, to offer. Resolutions on paper may mean much or little, generally they mean little. Your committee feels that the peculiar mission, not the only mission, of the Christian Church in relation to temperance, is this work of spiritual recovery. This work should be both preventive and remedial. The remedial only has been considered in this report. To this work, Christian men and women are peculiarly called; for this work they are peculiarly fitted, if only as Sons of God, they are led by the Spirit of God.

Rev. William P. Swartz, Ph.D., chairman of the Committee on the Work among the *Freedmen* presented a verbal report which was accepted and introduced Rev. Samuel J. Fisher, D.D., President of the Board and Rev. John B. Rendall, D.D., the President of Lincoln University who addressed the Synod.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered the speakers for their inspiring and instructive addresses.

It was resolved:

That the Synod of New York requests its Permanent Committee on Temperance to secure a report of Judicial decisions rendered by the Courts of the land and report their findings at the next meeting of Synod.

A certain paper relating to Temperance was presented and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The interests of the American Tract Society were presented by Rev. Judson Swift, D.D., and the following action was taken:

1. The Synod rejoices to hear that the American Tract Society after eighty-three years of most important and helpful service in all the branches of missionary work continues its unique service of printing the gospel message in many languages and dialects for the mission fields of the world, and has been of special assistance to both our Home and Foreign Boards in the preparation of literature in the Spanish language for the Island work, and for our mission stations in Africa.

2. That the Society has distributed to date Christian literature in one hundred and seventy-four languages, dialects and characters, and that the gratuitous distribution of this literature through missionaries, colporteurs and volunteer workers is perhaps the largest service rendered in this field, while its publication and distribution of Christian literature in the languages and dialects of the vast number of foreigners that have come to our country and now reside permanently among us is of inestimable value.

3. That in the language of the last General Assembly, "in view of the financial exigences that have overtaken all benevolent agencies, the Synod commends the American Tract Society for its retrenchment in the expenses of administration, and in order that it may maintain and enlarge its good work asks each congregation to bestow an annual and generous offering for this Christlike work."

The following report of the Committee on Publication and Sunday School Work was presented, accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

The Board of Publication and Sunday School Work finds itself with abundant work and abundant lack of resources to meet the needs of the work. With depression in the business interests of the Board and with a falling off in Church support of the Sunday School interests, the year has had a shadow. Still great work has been done and is being done in the field.

The first great cry is for more money or better, more interest in the work of Sunday Schools. The children of the churches and of the unchurched are the hope of the future in church and in our country. We may not reform adults but we may keep children from being deformed. Ever is the church confronting the world and Christ curbing the disciples' ardor with "suffer little children to come unto me."

The Kingdom of Heaven among us is not only like a little child, it is coming through the little child. What the child hears in the Sunday School will surpass in power a hundred fold what its parents hear in the pew.

When "Heaven lies about us in our infancy," it will be far easier to give the knowledge of God than to work over the wreck of things when man has forgotten, the glories he hath known."

The children of our foreign population and even our native population present a field of labor which promises not only speedy but permanent results. The General Assembly's reports would show no such large sums in the waste basket of the "Reserve Roll," if those who became members had been trained in Sunday School. Our very church life is found in the cradle of the church.

The Board of Publication and Sunday School Work is working along two most essential lines of duty. One, the evangelizing of the children, the other, the education of the children in the church.

The parochial school question will not down because its spirit is at the bottom of true education. Orderly and consecutive moral and spiritual training is essential to true development of life.

We have insisted on good public schools, but any thing has been good enough for Sunday Schools. The Board has outlined a plan of Presbyterial Sunday School Work, tending in the right direction, elevating the common Sunday School into something like a graded system. The Presbyterial Committee is to be made something more than a rubber stamp and a card register, collecting, tabulating and approving data.

It is to be a live Committee, active in disseminating the rays of knowledge.

Two things especially concern your Committee, first increasing the interest of the churchless children of our land in holy things; second, increasing the interest of those already in the Sabbath School in the Word of God.

We recommend:

1. That Children's Day be made much of, both as a time to increase the Church's interest in the children and as a time to gather money to provide Sunday Schools for those outside the reach of any now existent.

2. That the Presbyteries of the Synod be urged to stir up their Sunday School Committees or clothe them with such power that they may seek to establish throughout their bounds, graded Sunday Schools. Teachers, Training Classes, Neighborhood Conferences, or other means to promote a higher knowledge of the Word of God, the preparer for this world and the next, the truth that makes men free.

The Rev. John Fox, D.D., Secretary of the American Bible Society addressed the Synod in behalf of that cause. The action of the last General Assembly in commending that Society was approved.

The Judicial Commission in the case of the Appeal of the Rev. R. J. Campbell from the action of the Presbytery of Buffalo reported the following as their finding and it was ordered placed on the

minutes of the Synod and thus became the final judgment in the case.

In the case of the Appeal of Rev. R. J. Campbell from the action of the Presbytery of Buffalo your judicial commission would report:

1. We find that the accused, in recognition of the earnest endeavor of the Judicial Commission to correct the alleged errors of the Presbytery of Buffalo, by reason of which it failed to accord to the accused those preliminary, constitutional privileges to which he claims he is entitled under Section 9, 19 and 22 of the Book of Discipline has voluntarily waived his objections to any consequent irregularities in the organization of the Judicial Commission.

2. We find that the accused, in recognition of the acquiescence of the Judicial Commission in his desire to have all possible charges against him tried and disposed of promptly and without the necessity of a subsequent trial, has voluntarily waived his objections to the alleged errors of the Presbytery of Buffalo whereby it found in order certain charges and specifications not "based on information presented to the Committee of Inquiry."

3. We reverse the finding of the Judicial Commission that the accused appellant was "guilty of the second charge," that is, of resisting the mandate of Presbytery of October 21st., 1907, on the ground that the alleged mandate in view of the decision of the General Assembly was unconstitutional and without force and effect; and we find that the subsequent mandates of the Presbytery of Buffalo of November 18th., 1907, which necessarily followed the said unconstitutional mandate, were likewise unconstitutional and must therefore be rescinded and expunged from the records of the Presbytery of Buffalo.

4. We find that the Judicial Commission made a technical error in its failure to vote the accused-appellant "Not guilty" on the third charge after having decided that each and all of the specifications under this charge were not sustained, which error should be corrected by an amendatory finding of "Not Guilty" upon the third charge.

5. We find that the Presbytery of Buffalo erred in denying to the accused an opportunity to appeal in violation of Section 96 of the Book of Discipline, in excluding his counsel from the floor of the Judicatory in violation of Sections 11 and 26 of the Book of Discipline, and in administering to the accused the admonition prepared in accordance with the decision of the Judicial Commission at the meeting of the Presbytery of Buffalo, at which the decision was rendered, in violation of Section 100 of the Book of Discipline.

6. We find that the Presbytery of Buffalo should have exercised more care and greater regard both as to the letter and as to the spirit of the laws of the Church in all proceedings that involve ecclesiastical relationship and also as to those provisions of the Book of Discipline which are designed for the protection of the character and reputation of its members.

Judicial Commission No. 2 reported as follows:

In re, the Appeals and Complaints of four elders and several other members of the Westminster Church, New York City against the action of the

Presbytery of New York in directing that the aforesaid elders be relieved from exercising the office of elder; and also the action of the said Presbytery in dissolving the aforesaid church, the Judicial Commission finds as follows: In the matter of the Appeals the Commission is of the opinion that the cases in question were administrative and not judicial and were therefore within the authority of the Presbytery of New York in the exercise of its administrative functions. The Commission therefore declines to entertain the "Appeals" as of a judicial case.

In the matter of the Complaints, the Commission is of the opinion that the Presbytery of New York acted within the limits of its authority, in the premises, after due investigation and due deliberation, and with great forbearance and consideration for the parties in interest. The Complaints are therefore not sustained.

The finding of the Commission was received and ordered to be entered on the Minutes of the Synod and thus became the final judgment in the case.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Bills and Overtures the following action was taken:

The experience of the Church has shown that the saloon as it exists today is the most formidable obstacle it meets in its efforts at evangelizing the people, in maintaining the pure character of its membership, in trying to elevate the moral sentiment of communities, and in seeking the interests of good government.

We therefore recognize and emphasize the clear issue and the irrepressible conflict between the Church and the saloon, and join with other denominational branches of the Church in unalterable hostility to the saloon and all that it represents.

We rejoice in the splendid victories recently won by the Church against the saloon in all parts of the country, and would extend encouragement and congratulations to all organizations or instrumentalities that are helping to restrain it or to bring about its final destruction.

Especially would we commend the work of the Temperance Committees of our own General Assembly and Synod in interesting and educating the Churches, and would urge pastors and churches to assist them in every possible way.

We also heartily commend the work of the Anti-saloon League and other Temperance Societies as practical, progressive and successful agencies in the actual removal of saloons. We recommend that pastors and churches co-operate in every proper way in their efforts to secure advanced legislation, and law enforcement, and in agitation against the Saloon. We would earnestly appeal to our legislators at Albany to give the cities of New York State the right of local option at this coming winter's session.

Synod listened to Rev. Harry H. Barstow in connection with this recommendation and the report of the Temperance Committee.

The following persons were appointed members at large of the Committee on Synodical Missions: Edmund P. Platt, Albert P. Stevens, H. B. Silliman, L.L.D., Alfred E. Marling, George P. Conard, Dewitt C. Hurd, Rev. John A. Ingham, D.D.

The Committee to nominate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing two years reported their recommendations which were adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual salaries and expenses.

The following Committee on Rest Days for Railroad Employees was appointed: Rev. Samuel A. Freeman, D.D., Rev. Luther A. Ostrander, D.D., and Mr. James Yereance.

Rev. William R. Richards, D.D., and Elder Erwin N. Rowley, were appointed a Committee to confer with the Presbytery of Nassau and the Boards regarding financial pledges of Nassau Presbytery.

The following minute was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that

The Synod of New York, in its 27th Annual Session in the Rondout Presbyterian Church, desires to express its heartfelt thanks to the Committee of Arrangements for its thoughtful and systematic preparations for our meetings; for the reception accorded the members of Synod and the overflowing hospitalities received during our stay; also for the keynote of the sessions they struck in the spiritual life of the church, and the work of the Holy Spirit in its activities, in the complete and comprehensive program expediting business and thrilling all hearts with the call to service for God and man in the popular meetings.

We further express our thanks for the fellowship in entertainment shown by the pastors and people of sister communions in the city and for the use of the commodious vestry of Trinity M. E. Church for our mid-day lunch.

We thank, too, the ladies of this church for their kindly ministrations with smiles and sweetness on the ecclesiastical appetite; the Ladies' Aid Society for their thoughtful provision for our comfort in the care of personal effects, an unsual attention; the Transportation Committee and the Railroad for facilities of travel; the newspapers of the city and all who have helped to make the work of Synod of real value to the churches within the bounds of the Synod, and a true service to the spiritual and social needs of our time.

The Moderator also expressed the gratitude of the Synod to the Pastor and church for their abounding hospitality, and a fitting response was made by the Pastor, Rev. Charles G. Ellis.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members had been permitted, for adequate reasons, to withdraw before the close of the Sessions and the report was approved:

Presbytery of Albany: *Ministers*—Charles A. Richmond, Charles McKenzie, Henry W. Tolson; *Elders*—Edgar A. Spencer, Charles O. Cross, James A. Goodrich.

Binghamton: *Minister*—G. Murray Colville; *Elder*—Emerson F. Smith.

Boston: *Minister*—Horace C. Hovey; *Elder*—Robert J. Richardson.

Brooklyn: *Ministers*—Stefano L. Testa, Edward L. Tibbals; *Elders*—James Mitchell, John C. Creveling.

Buffalo: *Ministers*—Edwards P. Cleaveland, Louis F. Ruf, Harry H. Hubbell, Andrew V. V. Raymond.

Cayuga: *Minister*—George B. Stewart; *Elder*—William H. Van Sickle.

Chemung: *Minister*—Selden L. Haynes.

Genesee: *Elder*—J. Corwin Jacks.

Geneva: *Minister*—Henry A. Porter.

Hudson: *Minister*—Robert I. MacBride; *Elders*—Daniel H. McElroy, George H. King, Winthrop S. Gilman.

Long Island: *Minister*—Harry S. Dunning.

Lyons: *Minister*—Luther A. Ostrander; *Elder*—George W. Haight.

Nassau: *Minister*—Frank M. Kerr; *Elders*—Charles G. Sands, Erwin N. Rowley.

New York: *Ministers*—George Alexander, Jesse F. Forbes, John R. Mackay; *Elder*—Robert Wallace.

Niagara: *Minister*—Rev. S. Dwight Waterbury.

North River: *Elder*—Albert C. Busch.

Otsego: *Ministers*—Julius F. Wolff, Andrew M. Forrester; *Elders*—James E. Goodsell, A. J. Scott.

Rochester: *Minister*—George C. Frost; *Elders*—J. H. Stevens, James B. Given, Robert S. Paviour.

St. Lawrence: *Ministers*—Daniel J. Many, Jr., Victor H. Lukens; *Elder*—Arthur E. Cushman.

Steuben: *Minister*—John C. Ball.

Syracuse: *Ministers*—Alexander Wouters, John McL. Richardson, Murray S. Howland; *Elders*—Thomas Hooker, Charles Waterbury.

Troy: *Ministers*—J. Milton Thompson, C. Waldo Cherry; *Elders*—William R. Ottman, David C. Philip.

Westchester: *Ministers*—Charles S. Lane, John A. Ingham, Lewis G. Leary, Clarence W. Dunham; *Elder*—James R. Brash.

The several Standing Committees were called and having no further business to present were discharged.

The roll having been called, the following members were recorded as absent without the permission of the Synod:

Presbytery of Brooklyn: *Elder*—Wilfred S. Boult.
Buffalo; *Elders*—Hamilton D. Bennie, Edward Wahl, Henry Lapp.
Chemung: *Elder*—John Griffen.
Columbia: *Elder*—Brainard O. Peck.
Hudson: *Minister*—Robert H. Herron.
Long Island: *Minister*—George R. Brauer.
Nassau: *Minister*—Charles S. Tator.
New York: *Ministers*—Lee W. Beattie, George R. Montgomery; *Elders*—Rush Taggart, Nathaniel Laird, Joseph E. Messenger.
Rochester: *Minister*—Walter E. Price.
Steuben: *Elder*—Sebastian G. Lewis.
Syracuse: *Elder*—John F. Roberts.
Westchester: *Minister*—Anthony N. Petersen.

The remaining Minutes were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown, N. Y., on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of October, A.D., 1909, at half past seven o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

DANIEL A. FERGUSON,
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST:
J. WILFORD JACKS,
Stated Clerk.

Appendix.

I. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. **The Presbytery of Albany** consists of sixty-seven ministers and fifty-one churches and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

December 10, 1907, Rev. Thornton A. Mills, Ph.D. from the Presbytery of San Jose; Rev. A. Willard Cooper from the Presbytery of Siam;

April 21, 1908, Rev. Wesley W. Cole from the Presbytery of Hudson; Rev. William Herman Hopkins, D.D., from the Bay Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of California;

June 16, Rev. Henry J. Crane, D.D., from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

September 15, Rev. Robert G. McLeod from the Presbytery of Otsego.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

December 10, 1907, Mr. Wallace Reeves.

Licentiate received:

June 16, 1908, Mr. Isaac C. Bates from the Presbytery of Newark.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

May 5, 1908, between Rev. William Durant, D.D., and the First Church of Saratoga Springs;

September 15, between Rev. Wm. Hooper Adams and the New Scotland Church; between Rev. N. Foster Browne and the Northampton Church.

Ordination:

September 15, 1908, Isaac C. Bates.

Installations:

January 3, 1908, Rev. Thornton A. Mills, Ph.D., over the Union Church, Schenectady;

May 8, Rev. Wesley W. Cole over the Charlton Church;

May 25, Rev. Wm. Herman Hopkins, D.D., over the First Church, Albany.

Ministers dismissed:

October 26, 1907, Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D.D., L.L.D., to the Presbytery of Buffalo;

December 10, Rev. William A. Beecher to the Presbytery of Cayuga;

April 21, 1908, Rev. Daniel M. Geddes to the Presbytery of Niagara;

Rev. J. Howard Nicholls to the Presbytery of Steuben;

Rev. J. Ervin Johnston to the Presbytery of Dubuque.

Death:

January 8, 1908, Rev. David Herron at Broadalbin, N. Y., aged 76 years.

February 23, 1908, New church edifice dedicated at Rensselaer, N. Y. (Greenbush Church) replacing the one destroyed by fire December, 8, 1906.

II. **The Presbytery of Binghamton** consists of thirty-six ministers and thirty-two churches.

Ministers received:

September 17, 1907, Rev. William M. Yeomans from the Presbytery of Hudson;

October 14, Rev. Henry Neill from the Presbytery of Baltimore;

January 16, 1908, Rev. David S. Curry from the Presbytery of Westminster;

April 20, Rev. G. Murray Colville, D.D., from the Presbytery of Milwaukee; Rev. John P. Crane from the Presbytery of Newton; Rev. R. Spencer Young from the Presbytery of Monmouth; Rev. William Usher from the Susquehanna Association of Congregational Churches;

July 6, Rev. Alvin C. Sawtelle from the Presbytery of Westminster;

September 21, Rev. Samuel R. Warrender from the Presbytery of North River.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 25, 1907, Between Rev. Edwin F. Hallenbeck, D.D., and West Church of Binghamton;

March 16, 1908, between Rev. Harry S. Zimmerman and Whitney Point Church;

April 21, between Rev. John Alison, D.D., and the North Church of Binghamton.

Installations:

November 1, 1907, Rev. Henry Neill over the Church at Windsor;

January 16, 1908, Rev. David S. Curry over the Church at Cortland;

April 30, Rev. George Murray Colville, D.D., over the West church of Binghamton;

September 8, Rev. Alvin Converse Sawtelle over the North Church of Binghamton.

Ministers dismissed:

November 25, 1907, Rev. Edwin F. Hallenbeck, D.D., to the Presbytery of New York;

March 16, 1908, Rev. Harry S. Zimmerman to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

April 21, Rev. John Alison, D.D., to the Presbytery of Pittsburgh;

June 1, Rev. George N. MacDonald to the Presbytery of Florida;

September 21, Rev. David F. Giles to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Name dropped from the roll:

October 14, 1907, Rev. Charles J. Moon.

Deaths:

September 1, 1908, Rev. Henry Neill, aged 63 years, seven months;

September 17, Rev. G. Parsons Nichols, D.D., aged 71 years, one and one-half months.

III. **The Presbytery of Boston** consists of sixty-one ministers, forty churches, and has under its care six candidates.

Ministers received:

April 21, 1908, Rev. Arthur N. Thompson, D.D., from the Presbytery of Jersey City; Rev. Stephen C. Brownell, from the Presbytery of New York and Vermont, Reformed Presbyterian Church; Rev. Samuel M. Forsyth, from the Presbytery of Nebraska City; Rev. Charles A. Downs, from the Yankton (South Dakota) Congregational Association;

June 15, Rev. N. Frederic VanHorsen, from the Presbytery of Westchester;

July 17, Rev. William M. Tufts, D.D., from the Presbytery of Pictou, Canada;

October 6, Rev. Wm. Wallace Iliffe, from the Presbytery of New York and Vermont, Reformed Presbyterian Church; Rev. Joseph S. Gibb, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia; Rev. John D. MacKenzie, from the Presbytery of Glengarry, Canada, and Rev. George Macarthur, from the Presbytery of Brookville, Canada.

Candidates enrolled:

December 16, 1907, John N. Cran;

April 22, 1908, F. Albert Arbuckle;

October 6, D. George MacLennan; John Kefferstein, and Wilhelm Himmer.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 21, 1908, between Rev. Donald J. McLeod and the Union Square Church, Somerville; between Rev. Gerhart A. Wilson, D.D., and the First Church, Providence; between Rev. Joseph F. Langton and the First Church, Waltham; between Rev. Frank Willcock and the Park Street Church, Portland;

May 11, between Rev. William C. MacIntyre and the First Church, Barre;

June 15, between Rev. Aquilla Webb, Ph.D., and the First Church, Newport; between Rev. John Sinclair, D.D., and the First Church, Brookline;

October 6, between Rev. Horace C. Hovey, D.D., and the First Church, Newburyport.

Installations:

October 8, 1907, Rev. John Wesley MacCallum over the Westminster Church, Manchester;

May 7, 1908, Rev. Arthur N. Thompson, D.D., over the First Church, Haverhill;

July 17, Rev. William M. Tufts, D.D., over the Union Square Church Somerville.

Ministers dismissed:

April 22, 1908, Rev. Donald B. McLeod to the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, Canada;

May 11, Rev. William C. MacIntyre to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

June 15, Rev. Aquilla Webb, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Louisville.

Candidates transferred:

December 16, 1907, John E. Fleming to the Presbytery of Cayuga;

April 22, 1908, F. Albert Arbuckle to the Presbytery of Spokane.

Dropped from roll:

October 6, 1908, candidate John N. Cran.

Church enrolled:

April 21, 1908, West Barnet Church, received from the Presbytery of New York and Vermont, Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Deaths:

November 10, 1907, Rev. Daniel Morrison at W. St. John, N. B., Canada, in the 90th year of his age;

January 19, 1908, Rev. William Angus Fraser at Colorado Springs, Col., aged forty years.

Change in name:

The Church at Fall River, Mass., has had its name changed from "Globe" to "First."

IV. **The Presbytery of Brooklyn** consists of ninety-six ministers, forty-three churches and has under its care six licentiates and nineteen candidates.

Ministers received:

September 28, 1907, Rev. A. W. Dinsmore, D.D., from the Presbytery of New York; Rev. Willard P. Soper from the Presbytery of Utica; Rev. Gurdon H. Eggleston from the South Classis of Bergen, Reformed Church; Rev. Louis Nickse and Rev. G. C. Edson from the Presbytery of Long Island;

January 27, 1908, Rev. W. K. England from the Presbytery of Elizabeth;

April 27, Rev. Henry S. Zimmerman from the Presbytery of Binghamton; Rev. W. R. Campbell from the Presbytery of Utah.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

December 23, 1907, Anees T. Baroody;

January 27, 1908, Henry Baker; Robert B. Elmore;

March 23, Henry Visto; Frederick M. Gabriel;

September 28, Kenneth S. Guthrie.

Candidates licensed:

February 24, 1908, Anees T. Baroody;

April 27, Benjamin O. Satterwhite, Robert B. Elmore;

May 25, John G. Holdcroft;

June 22, Lester B. Warford.

Ordinations:

March 2, 1908, Anees T. Baroody;
May 3, Philip L. Schenck;
May 15, Robert B. Elmore;
May 29, John G. Holdcroft;
May 31, Benjamin O. Satterwhite.

Installations:

November 14, 1907, Rev. Louis Nickse, Co-pastor First German Church; Rev. G. C. Edson over Noble Avenue Church;
December 5, Rev. Gurdon H. Eggleston over Greene Avenue Church; Rev. J. J. Macdonald over the Church of our Father;
December 6, Rev. Carl Poden over Glenmore Avenue Church.

Ministers dismissed:

October 28, 1907, Rev. W. J. Hutchins to the Presbytery of Cleveland; Rev. H. Bräm to New York Classis, Reformed Church;
February 24, 1908, Rev. Newell J. Elliott to the Presbytery of the Gulf of Mexico;
March 23, Rev. A. W. Dinsmore to the Presbytery of New York;
September 28, Rev. Thornton B. Penfield to the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Licentiate transferred:

September 28, 1908, Lester P. Warford to Minnewaukon Presbytery.

Church enrolled:

February 24, 1908, First Syrian Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn.

V. **The Presbytery of Buffalo** consists of sixty-five ministers, fifty-seven churches and has under its care three licentiates, one lay evangelist and seven candidates.

Ministers received:

October 21, 1907, Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D.D., L.L.D., from the Presbytery of Albany;
December 2, Rev. Frank C. Putnam from the White River Congregational Association;
January 30, 1908, Rev. John D. Campbell from the Presbytery of Maumee;
April 20, Rev. William S. Carter from the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. Stanley U. Mock from the Presbytery of Utica; Rev. Bela Basso from the Presbytery of Mahoning; Rev. Roscoe Graham from the Presbytery of Wooster; Rev. F. LeRoy McCauly from the Presbytery of Chemung;
September, 29, Rev. George S. Swezy from the Presbytery of Emporia.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 21, 1908, R. L. Cress and Julius Kiss.

Candidate licensed:

April 21, 1908, R. L. Cress.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 21, 1907, between Rev. Otis A. Smith, D.D., and the Church at Jamestown;

December 2, between Rev. Richard J. Campbell and the Blasdell Church,

September 29, 1908, between Rev. Andrew J. Purdy and the Church at Gowanda.

Ordination:

January 30, 1908, J. Marshall Linton.

Installations:

October 29, 1907, Rev. Ralph K. Hickok over East Aurora Church;

January 30, 1908, Rev. John D. Campbell over the Church of the Covenant, Buffalo;

February 7, Rev. J. Marshall Linton over the Bethany Church, Buffalo;

June 4, Rev. Stanley U. Mock over Lake Street Church, Hamburg; Rev. Frederick Green over the Church at Sherman.

Ministers dismissed:

October 21, 1907, Rev. Otis A. Smith, D.D., to the Presbytery of Springfield;

December 2, Rev. William H. Brokenshire to a Presbytery in Canada; Rev. Frank C. Putnam to the Presbytery of Chester;

April 20, 1908, Rev. Bela Csekes to the Reformed Church Hungary; Rev. Robert F. Adams to the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

September 29, Rev. J. Van Kirk Wells to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Licentiates and candidates transferred:

January 30, 1908, Licentiate J. Marshall Linton received from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

September 29, Candidate Clarence M. Platt transferred to the care of the Presbytery of Great Falls.

Death:

Rev. Charles W. Remington.

Change in name of Church:

April 21, 1908, Hungarian Church of West Seneca changed to Magyar Church of West Seneca.

VI. **The Presbytery of Cayuga** consists of thirty-eight ministers, twenty-three churches and has under its care five licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received:

November 19, 1907, Rev. C. J. Howell from the Presbytery of Boulder;

December 18, Rev. John Sharpe from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; Rev. William A. Beecher from the Presbytery of Albany;

May 5, 1908, Rev. Allan Macy Dulles, D.D., from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

September 28, Rev. E. N. Quist from the Presbytery of Redstone; Rev. Alfred K. Bates from the Presbytery of Flint.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 14, 1908, between Rev. Willis P. Hume and the Church at Meridian;

September 28, between Rev. Walter B. Jorris and the Churches of Scipio and Scipioville.

Installations:

October 16, 1907, Rev. Vernon N. Yergin over the Calvary Church, Auburn;

December 4, Rev. William S. Crane over the Church at Port Byron;

December 18, Rev. William A. Beecher over the Church at Sennett;

December 31, Rev. John Sharpe over the Church at Fair Haven.

Ordination:

May 11, 1908, Edward A. Renick, as an Evangelist.

Candidate received:

September 29, 1908, George F. Hajjar from the Presbytery of St. Joseph.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

November 19, 1907, George R. Cromley;

September 29, 1908, Ernest W. Riggs; Charles H. Rice; Nevin E. Bartholomey; James A. Melrose.

Candidates licensed:

April 14, 1908, Emmanuel J. Kallina, Henry C. Nation, John E. Fleming, George R. Cromley.

Ministers dismissed:

April 14, 1908, Rev. Lansing B. Bloom to the Presbytery of Zacatecus, Mexico;

September 28, Rev. Edward A. Renick to the Presbytery of Spokane; Rev. Frank W. Moore to the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. William A. Aiken to the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware Congregational Association.

Candidates dismissed:

April 13, 1908, Winfred P. Moody to the care of the Presbytery of Utica; D. H. MacKenzie to the Presbytery of Syracuse; H. T. Caskey to the Presbytery of Benicia.

VII. **The Presbytery of Champlain** consist of twenty-one ministers, twenty churches and has under its care two licentiates and one candidate.

Ministers received:

April 14, 1908, Rev. Arthur Reqna from the Presbytery of Westchester; Rev. Charles W. Rice from the Presbytery of Utica.

Candidate received:

April 14, 1908, Thomas B. Anderson from the Presbytery of Otsego.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

September 15, 1908, Warren Hall.

Candidates licensed:

April 14, 1908, George Irving, Thomas B. Anderson.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 16, 1907, between Rev. James Provan and the Mineville Church;

September 15, 1908, between Rev. John B. Kelley and the Saranac Lake Church.

Installation:

May 12, 1908, Rev. Arthur Reqna over the Mineville Church.

VIII. **The Presbytery of Chemung** consists of twenty-four ministers, twenty-three churches and has under its care one licentiate.

Ministers received:

December 9, 1907, Rev. Frank H. Bisbee from Hudson Presbytery;

February 12, 1908, Rev. Charles H. Van Wie from Westchester Presbytery;

April 17, Rev. Francis R. Wade from Rochester Presbytery;

September 23, Rev. Frederick W. Southworth from Otsego Presbytery.

Ordinations:

April 12, 1908, William C. Falconer;

May 18, F. LeRoy McCauly.

Installation:

February 12, 1908, Rev. Frank H. Bisbee over the Church at Dundee.

Ministers dismissed:

April 20, 1908, Rev. John Knox to Steuben Presbytery; Rev. Oliver Hemstreet to Lackawanna Presbytery; Rev. Joseph H. Ralston to Clarion Presbytery;

May 18, Rev. F. LeRoy McAuley to Buffalo Presbytery.

Licentiate received:

April 21, 1908, Benjamin R. Larrabee from the Chemung Quarterly meeting of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 21, 1908, between Rev. Hugh D. Cameron and the Horseheads Church.

IX. **The Presbytery of Chile** consists of fourteen ministers, fifteen churches and has under its care six licentiates and eighteen local evangelists.

X. **The Presbytery of Columbia** consists of eighteen ministers, nineteen churches and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

September 18, 1907, Rev. Charles E. Hoyt, from the Presbytery of Buffalo;

September 15, 1908, Rev. James L. Harrington from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery;

September 18, 1907, J. Walter Gapp.

Candidate licensed:
December 30, 1907, J. Walter Gapp.

Ordinations:
November 6, 1907, J. Hillman Hollister;
April 28, 1908, J. Walter Gapp;
May 20, John McC. White.

Installations:
November 6, 1907, Rev. J. Hillman Hollister over the Valatie Church;
May 20, 1908, Rev. John McC. White over the Spencertown Church.

Minister dismissed:
September 15, 1908, Rev. J. Walter Gapp, to the Provincial Elders Conference of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church.

Licentiates received:
November 6, 1907, J. Hillman Hollister, from the Presbytery of Troy
April 28, 1908, John McC. White from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

XI. **The Presbytery of Eastern Persia** consists of twelve ministers and four churches.

XII. **The Presbytery of Genesee** consists of twenty-two ministers and nineteen churches.

Ministers received:
April 14, 1908, Rev. Warren N. Nevins from the Presbytery of Monmouth;
September 29, Rev. Clarence B. Post from the Presbytery of Utica.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
December 20, 1907, between Rev. Theodore J. Searles and the Church at Corfu;
August 14, 1908, between Rev. George J. Searles and the Church at East Pembroke; between Rev. Henry R. Fancher, D.D., and the Church at Batavia.

Ministers dismissed:
December 20, 1907, Rev. Theodore J. Searles, to the Presbytery of Lyons;
April 14, 1908, Rev. John E. Lynn to the Presbytery of Guelph, Canada;
August 14, Rev. Henry R. Fancher, D.D., to the Presbytery of Butte.

Treasurer elected:
April 14, 1908, Rev. Louis A. Peirson.

XIII. **The Presbytery of Geneva** consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty churches and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received:
January 28, 1908, Rev. David H. Craver from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
February 18, Rev. H. Bradley Sayre from the Presbytery of North River;

April 21, Rev. Guy L. Morrill from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
July 1, Rev. T. Maxwell Morrison from the Presbytery of Lehigh and Rev. Esta E. Grosh from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Licentiate received:
April 22, 1908, Mr. George A. Sutton from the Erie Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
November 26, 1907, between the Rev. Louis M. Sweet, S.T.D., and the Church at Canandaigua;
February 18, 1908, between the Rev. Seymour C. Ferris and the Church at Shortsville;
April 22, between Rev. Charles C. MacLean and the Church at Naples.

Ordination:
September 30, 1908, Lindsay S. B. Hadley.

Installations:
January 22, 1908, Rev. Charles M. Herrick over the Church at Waterloo;
March 11, Rev. H. Bradley Sayre over the Church at West Fayette;
March 24, Rev. David H. Craver over the North Church, Geneva;
June 4, Rev. Charles C. MacLean over the Church at Phelps;
July 1, Rev. T. Maxwell Morrison over the Memorial Church, Bellona;
July 9, Rev. Esta E. Grosh over the Church at Seneca Castle;
October 7, Rev. Guy L. Morrill over the Church at Canandaigua.

Ministers dismissed:
November 26, 1907, Rev. Fletcher A. Valentine to the General Association of Congregational Churches of New York City;
April 22, 1908, Rev. Cary E. Gregory to the Presbytery of Rochester;
July 1, Rev. R. A. Farnham to the Kennebeck Association of Congregational Churches;
September 28, Rev. Seymour C. Ferris to the Presbytery of Rochester;
September 29, Rev. Louis M. Sweet to the Presbytery of Westchester;
September 30, Rev. Lindsay S. B. Hadley to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Minister deceased:
September 23, 1908, Rev. Albro L. Greene at Canoga, N. Y., aged 73 years.

XIV. **Hudson Presbytery** consists of forty-three ministers, forty-six churches, and has three candidates for the ministry under its care.

Ministers received:
November 25, 1907, Rev. Wilson A. Eisenhart from the Oneida, Chemung and Delaware Congregational Association;
April 20, 1908, Rev. John W. Hoyt from the Presbytery of Washington; Rev. Wm. McDugal Jack, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon;
April 21, Rev. John S. Laing from the Presbytery of Troy.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:
April 21, 1908, Ralph E. DeKay.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
November 25, 1907, between Rev. Frank H. Bisbee and the Church at Westtown;
March 18, 1908, between Rev. Wesley W. Cole and the White Lake Church;
April 21, between Rev. Walter Rockwood Ferris and the First Church of Middletown; between Rev. Robert H. McCready and the Church at Chester.

Installations:
October 2, 1907, Rev. Wesley W. Cole over White Lake Church;
October 9, Rev. Emory D. Webster over the Suffern Church;
October 10, Rev. Thomas C. Bell over the Cochecton Church;
December 17, Rev. Wilson A. Eisenhart over the Monroe Church;
April 27, 1908, Rev. John S. Laing over the Otisville Church;
May 26, Rev. Frank C. Shultis over the Hempstead Church.

Ministers dismissed:
November 25, 1907, Rev. Frank H. Bisbee to the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. Emory A. Nelson to the Presbytery of North River; Rev. William H. Morrow to the Presbytery of Elizabeth;
March 18, 1908, Rev. Wesley W. Cole to the Presbytery of Albany;
April 21, Rev. Walter Rockwood Ferris to the Presbytery of Syracuse;
September 22, Rev. James L. Harrington to the Presbytery of Columbia; Rev. Robert H. McCready, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of New York; Rev. Wm. Clement Isett to the Presbytery of Denver; Rev. Archibald F. Parker to the Classis of New York.

XV. **The Presbytery of Long Island** consists of twenty-eight ministers, twenty-three churches, and has under its care three licentiates and three candidates.

Ministers received:
April 14, 1908, Rev. Theophilus E. Montgomery from the Presbytery of Otsego;
May 20, Rev. William T. Edds from the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches;
September 29, Rev. Herman C. Fox, D.D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
September 29, 1908, William F. Shepherd and Hugh J. Lilburn.

Candidates licensed:
April 15, 1908, Jesse Halsey, Robert J. Power.

Pastoral relation dissolved:
February 18, 1908, between Rev. William C. McKnight and the Greenport Church.

Ministers dismissed:

February 18, 1908, Rev. William C. McKnight to the Presbytery of West Jersey;

September 30, Rev. Augustus C. Kellogg to the Presbytery of Columbia.

XVI. **The Presbytery of Lyons** consists of twenty-one ministers and eighteen Churches.

Ministers received:

April 14, 1908, Rev. Warren J. Johnson from the Classis of Juniata Reformed Church;

Rev. Theodore J. Searls from the Presbytery of Genesee.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

April 15, 1908, John T. Anderson from the Presbytery of Winona.

Candidate licensed:

April 15, 1908, John T. Anderson.

Ordination:

June 5, 1908, John T. Anderson.

Installations:

May 14, 1908, Rev. W. J. Johnson over the Church at Clyde; May 19, Rev. Theodore J. Searls over the Church at Ontario Centre.

Minister dismissed:

September 15, 1908, Rev. Thomas Melvin to the Presbytery of Niagara.

Church enrolled:

December 24, 1907, North Rose.

XVII. **The Presbytery of Nassau** consists of thirty-four ministers, thirty-two churches and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received:

April 14, 1908, Rev. Jaroslav W. Dobias from the Presbytery of New York; Rev. Ferdinand Otto Zesch, Ph.D., from Newark Presbytery.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 27, 1907, between Rev. Christopher Bauer and the Jamaica German Church;

January 1, 1908, between Rev. Kneeland P. Ketcham, D.D., and the Freeport Church;

October 6, between Rev. Azel Hull Fish and the Church of Islip; between the Rev. Joseph Todd and the Brentwood Church.

Installations:

May 7, 1908, Rev. F. O. Zesch over the German Church of Jamaica;

May 28, Rev. Charles H. Scholey over the Freeport Church.

Minister dismissed:

December 27, 1907, Rev. Christopher Bauer to the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

Church enrolled:

April 27, 1908, Forest Park.

XVIII. **The Presbytery of New York** consists of one hundred and eighty-one ministers, fifty-five churches and has under its care one licentiate and seventeen candidates.

Ministers received:

October 31, 1907, Rev. Edgar W. Work, D.D., from the Presbytery of Pueblo;

January 13, 1908, Rev. James Hardin Smith from the Presbytery of Dayton; Rev. James H. Speer from the Presbytery of Riverside; Rev. Edwin F. Hallenbeck, D.D., from the Presbytery of Binghamton; Rev. Harold S. Rambo from the Presbytery of West Jersey;

March 9, Rev. John R. Mackay, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Troy;

April 13, Rev. Andrew A. Dinsmore, D.D., from the Presbytery of Brooklyn; Rev. Agido Pirazzini, S.T.D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

June 8, Rev. Franklin B. Dwight, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange; Rev. Albert L. Evans from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

January 13, 1908, Francesco Pirazzini;

April 13, George A. Fitch, Harvey G. Furbay, Edward A. Miller, and John R. Voris;

June 8, Archibald Black, Luigi B. Verdoja and Artura D'Albergo;

October 5, John C. Steen.

Candidates licensed:

April 13, 1908, Russell S. Gregory, Tyler Dennett and John Currie licensed as a local evangelist;

June 8, Gustavus J. D'Anchise and John R. Voris.

Licentiate received:

April 13, 1908, Albert F. Hahn from the Presbytery of Philadelphia; and the license of J. Henry Hollaway as a local evangelist was renewed for one year.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 3, 1907, between the Rev. George J. Schork and the Zion German Church;

January 13, 1908, between the Rev. John C. A. Becker and the Morningside Church;

May 1, between the Rev. J. Edwin Triplett and the Bedford Park Church;

May 10, between the Rev. George Nixon and the Tremont Church, he becoming pastor emeritus.

Ordinations:

November 3, 1907, Edmund DeLong Lucas as an evangelist;

June 9, 1908, John Currie as an evangelist in care of the Inspector Street Mission, Montreal, Canada;

June 11, Albert F. Hahn, as an evangelist, in care of Zion German Church

June 18, Mr. Gustavus J. D'Anchise as an evangelist in care of the Church of the Holy Trinity;

June 25, Russell S. Gregory as an evangelist to labor at the Church of Sea and Land.

Installations:

October 10, 1907, Rev. James Cromie over the Woodstock Church;

November 7, Rev. Edgar W. Work, D.D., over the Fourth Church;

January 21, 1908, Rev. James H. Speer over the First Union Church;

March 17, Rev. John R. Mackay, Ph.D., over the North Church;

May 1, Rev. Edwin R. Perry over the First Williamsbridge Church;

June 4, Rev. J. Henry Hartman, Ph.D., over the Tremont Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 3,1907, Rev. Julius M. Hanko to the Presbytery of Mahoning; Rev. George J. Schork to the North Classis of Long Island;

January 13, 1908, Rev. Joseph T. Britan to the Presbytery of Westchester; Rev. John C. A. Becker to the Classis of Paramus;

March 9, Rev. Paul D. Axtell to the Presbytery of Pittsburgh; Rev. Charles B. Mitchell to the Presbytery of West Jersey;

April 13, Rev. Howard A. Johnston, D.D., to the Presbytery of Pueblo; Jaroslav W. Dobias to the Presbytery of Nassau;

June 8, Rev. Earl C. Cleeland to the Presbytery of Beaver;

October 5, Rev. William A. Mather to the Presbytery of Pekin; Rev. Henry J. Wahl to the Synod of Raritan; the Rev. John J. Munro to the North Classis of Long Island.

Licentiates transferred:

April 13, 1908, William M. Case to the Presbytery of St. Louis;

June 8, Aurelio Cantafio to the Presbytery of Elizabeth;

October 5, Tyler Dennett to the Presbytery of Washington City.

Ministers deceased:

November 28, 1907, Rev. Wendell Prime, D.D., at Zurich, Switzerland, in the 71st year of his age;

March 25, 1908, Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D.D., at New York City, in the 56th year of his age;

September 30, Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D.D., at Cornwall, Ct., in the 83d year of his age.

Church organized:

October 13, 1907, The Church of the Holy Trinity.

Church dissolved:

March 17, 1908, Westminster Church of West 23d St.

Stated clerk:

April 13, 1908, Rev. Jesse F. Forbes, Ph.D., D.D., was elected Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of New York.

XIX. **The Presbytery of Niagara** consists of twenty ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

October 31, 1907, Rev. Henry C. Millard, from the Presbytery of Lyons;
April 23, 1908, Rev. Daniel M. Geddes, from the Presbytery of Albany;
September 22, Rev. Thomas Melvin, from the Presbytery of Lyons.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 18, 1908, between Rev. Samuel A. Freeman, D.D., and the Church at Lyndonville, effective March 15, 1908;
April 21, between Rev. Erastus W. Twichell and Lockport Second Church, effective May 31, 1908;
June 15, between Rev. Alexander McGaffin and Lockport First Church, effective September 1, 1908;
July 13, between Rev. Warren J. Whiffen and the Church at Middleport;
September 1, between Rev. Manley F. Allbright and the Church at Lewiston.

Installations:

October 31, 1907, Rev. Henry C. Millard over the Third Church at Niagara Falls;
May 14, 1908, Rev. Daniel M. Geddes over the Church at Youngstown.

Ministers dismissed:

February 18, 1908, Rev. Samuel A. Freeman, D.D., to the Presbytery of Utica;
April 20, Rev. Hubert S. Lyle to the Presbytery of Union;
June 15, Rev. Alexander McGaffin to the Presbytery of Cleveland;
July 13, Rev. Warren J. Whiffen to the Presbytery of Chemung;
September 1, Rev. Manley F. Allbright to the Presbytery of Chicago.

XX. **The Presbytery of North Laos** consists of twenty-one ministers, eighteen churches and has under its care one licentiate.

XXI. **The Presbytery of North River** consists of forty-two ministers, thirty-one churches and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

March 2, 1908, Rev. Emory A. Nelson from Hudson Presbytery;
October 6, Rev. John W. Jordan from Cincinnati Presbytery;
Rev. Raymond H. Stearns from Lackawanna Presbytery.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 21, 1908, William H. Wilcox, Edward I. Campbell;
June 22, Charles B. Swartz.

Candidate licensed:

June 22, 1908, Edward I. Campbell.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 23, 1907, between Rev. Evan G. Martin and Hughsonville Church;

January 13, 1908, between Rev. H. Bradley Sayre and South Amenia Church;
March 2, between Rev. Frank W. Townsend and Pleasant Valley Church;
April 21, between Rev. James I. Campbell and Freedom Plains Church;
September 5, between Rev. Paul Stratton and the Matteawan Church.

Ordination:
June 22, 1908, Edward I. Campbell as an Evangelist

Installation:
October 23, 1907, Rev. Evan G. Martin over the Milton Church.

Ministers dismissed:
January 13, 1908, Rev. H. Bradley Sayre to the Presbytery of Geneva;
April 21, Rev. Albert S. Stewart to the Presbytery of Parkersburgh;
June 22, Rev. Samuel R. Warrender to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
September 5, Rev. Paul Stratton to the Presbytery of Westchester.

Miscellaneous:
June 22, 1908, the Grand Street Church, Newburgh was dropped from the roll of churches.

XXII. **The Presbytery of Otsego** consists of twenty-seven ministers, thirty churches and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:
January 14, 1908, Rev. George Nicholls from the Presbytery of Geneva; Rev. John J. Crane from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
April 28, Rev. Bryce K. Douglas from the Presbytery of Jersey City; Rev. William H. Niles from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;
September 23, Rev. David F. Giles from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
April 26, 1908, between Rev. Eugene A. Ballis and East Springfield Church;
May 3, between Rev. Frank E. Hoyt and the Church at Unadilla;
May 12, between Rev. Edmund G. Rawson and the Church at Richfield Springs;
July 1, between Rev. R. G. McLeod and the Church at East Meredith;
October 1, between Rev. James H. Robinson, D.D., and the First Church of Delhi.

Installations:
May 5, 1908, Rev. William H. Niles over the Church at New Berlin;
June 4, Rev. George Nicholls over the Colchester Church;
October 14, Rev. David F. Giles over the Church at Milford.

Ministers dismissed:
April 28, 1908, Rev. Edmund G. Rawson to the Presbytery of Philadelphia North; Rev. F. E. Hoyt to the Presbytery of Wellsborough;
June 24, Rev. R. G. McLeod to the Presbytery of Albany;
September 23, Rev. Frederick W. Southworth to the Presbytery of Chemung.

Candidate transferred:
April 10, 1908, T. B. Anderson to the Presbytery of Champlain.

Churches enrolled:
January 14, 1908, First Presbyterian Church of Pine Hill;
September 23, 1908, First Presbyterian Church of Breakabeen.

Ministers deceased:
January 1908, Rev. Samuel J. White, D.D., at Walton, N. Y.

XXIII. **The Presbytery of Porto Rico** consists of thirteen ministers, twenty-six churches and has under its care two licentiates, twenty-one lay helpers and thirty-three candidates.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
April 15, 1908, Aciselo Bravo, Manuel Figueroa, Gonzalo Nuin, Artura Salguero.
September 8, Pedro Roura, Enrique Milan, Ramon Comache, Antonio Pagan, Julio Rodriguez.

Candidates licensed:
September 8, 1908, Juan B. Soto, Jose V. Martinez.

Ordinations:
April 15, 1908, Pedro Gil Jaca, Frederico Garcia Davila.

Minister dismissed:
April 15, 1908, Rev. Robert McLean to the Presbytery of Southern Oregon.

Name dropped from the roll:
April 15, 1908, John Frederic Droste.

Churches enrolled:
April 15, 1908, Jobos, La Marina, Rincon;
September 8, 1908, Rosario.

Change in name of Church:
Mayaguez First to Mayaguez Central.

Miscellaneous.
The office of Stated clerk has been changed from Rev. J. A. McAllister, Mayaguez, to Rev. Arnold Smith, Anasco, Porto Rico.

XXIV. **The Presbytery of Rochester** consists of sixty-three ministers, forty-eight churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:
October 22, 1907, Rev. Frank R Shepard from the Presbytery of Utica;
December 7, Rev. William Sangree from the Presbytery of Niagara;
May 14, 1908, Rev. Carey E. Gregory from the Presbytery of Geneva;
May 25, Rev. Robert C. Hallock, Ph.D., D.D., from the Presbytery of Utica;
September 29, Rev. William McCormick from Stamford Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of Canada; Rev., Frank W. Moore from the Presbytery of Cayuga; Rev. James T. Pollock from the Presbytery of Dayton.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 29, 1907 between Rev. Dwight L. Parsons and the Church of Wheatland;

February 17, 1908, between Rev. Mills S. Grimes and the Church of Ogden;

April 14, between Rev. George Alexander Armstrong and the Church of Brockport;

June 16, between Rev. Walter E. Price and the Church of Geneseo Village;

September 29, between Rev. Robert W. Veach and Mt. Hor Church, Rochester.

Ordination:

October 14, 1907, John A. Hubbard.

Installations:

May 14, 1908, Rev. Carey E. Gregory over the Church of Dansville;

June 5, Rev. George Herman Fickes over Grace Church, Rochester;

June 16, Rev. William Sangree over the First Church of Sparta;

June 23, Rev. Ebenezer B. McGhee over, Emmanuel Church, Rochester.

Ministers dismissed:

December 9, 1907, Rev. Dwight L. Parsons to the Presbytery of Monmouth;

February 17, 1908, Rev. William S. Carter, to the Presbytery of Buffalo; Rev. Mills S. Grimes to the Presbytery of Mankato; Rev. Myron J. Crocker, to the Presbytery of Highland;

April 14, Rev. Francis R. Wade, to the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. George A. Armstong, to the Presbytery of Troy;

September 29, Rev. Robert W. Veach, to the Presbytery of New York; Rev. Frank R. Shepard, to the Presbytery of Champlain.

Minister deceased:

December 22, 1907, Rev. Peter Lindsay, D.D., Pastor North Church, Rochester, aged 56 years.

XXV. **The Presbytery of St. Lawrence** consists of thirty-one ministers and forty-one churches, and has under its care one local evangelist and four candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

December 1, 1907, Rev. George McCulloch from the United Brethren in Christ;

April 14, 1908, Rev. Ellwood W. Middleton from the Reformed Church in the United States;

June 4, Rev. William C. MacIntyre from the Presbytery of Boston;

June 25, Rev. Emory L. Evans from the Presbytery of Syracuse;

September 29, Rev. Henry Didama Smith from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Licentiate received:

June 4, 1908, William J. Nevin from the Reformed Presbyterian Church

Pastoral relations dissolved:
December 22, 1907, between Rev. David Howard Craver and the Church at Ogdensburg.

Licensed:
April 14, 1908, Nicola Conté as Local Evangelist.

Ordained:
July 2, 1908, William J. Nevin.

Installations:
January 2, 1908, Rev. George McCulloch over the Church at Canton;
June 4, Rev. William C. MacIntyre over the Church at Ogdensburg;
June 25, Rev. Emory L. Evans over the Church at Chaumont;
July 2, Rev. William J. Nevin over the Churches of Flackville and Heuvelton.

Ministers dismissed:
December 17, 1907, Rev. John Sharpe to the Presbytery of Cayuga; Rev. David Howard Craver to the Presbytery of Geneva;
April 14, 1908, Rev. William H. Niles to the Presbytery of Otsego; Rev. Albert Leslie Evans to the Presbytery of New York; Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, D.D., to the Presbytery of Cayuga;
September 29, Rev. John N. Steele to the Presbyterv of Syracuse; Rev. William H. Stuublebine, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Newark; Rev. Foster L. Crissey to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Minister deceased:
April 13, 1908, Rev. Henry Hickok at East Watertown, N. Y. aged eighty-nine years, three months and three days.

XXVI. **The Presbytery of Siam** consists of eleven ministers, nine churches and has under its care one licentiate, one local evangelist and ten candidates.

XXVII. **The Presbytery of Steuben** consists of twenty-nine ministers, twenty-six churches and has under its care, one licentiate and six candidates.

Ministers received:
November 7, 1907, Rev. Frank E. Van Wie from Buffalo Presbytery;
January 2, 1908, Rev. James F. Knowles from St. Paul Presbytery;
March 19, Rev. Howard L. Guss from Wooster Presbytery;
April 21, Rev. David Street from Fort Wayne Presbytery; Rev. John Shepherd Bingham from Louisville Presbytery; Rev. John Knox from Chemung Presbytery; Rev. J. Howard Nicholls from Albany Presbytery.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
April 21, 1908, Charles Price Deems, and John J. Pryor;
September 22, Samuel K. Page.

Candidates licensed:

April 21, 1908, Leo A. Gates and Eugene K. DeWitt, temporary licenses.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 7, 1907, between Rev. Theodore M. Carlisle and the Church at Hammondsport;

February 7, 1908, between Rev. T. Walker Malcolm and the Church at Painted Post;

February 18, between Rev. Edwin D. Hardin and the Church at Cuba;

September 22, between Rev. Fred E. Walton and the Westminster Church, Hornell.

Installations:

November 12, 1907, Rev. Frank E. Van Wie over the Church at Prattsburgh;

January 16, 1908, Rev. James F. Knowles over the Church at Pulteney;

March 19, Rev. Howard L. Guss over the Church at Hammondsport;

June 11, Rev. John Knox over the Church at Painted Post;

August 14, Rev. Birchard F. Brundage over the Church at Cuba.

Ministers dismissed:

November 7, 1907, Rev. Theodore M. Carlisle to the Presbytery of Syracuse;

February 7, 1908, Rev. T. Walker Malcolm to the Presbytery of Detroit;

September 22, Rev. Fred E. Walton to the Presbytery of Logansport.

Candidate transferred:

Roy F. Crouch to the Presbytery of Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Minister deceased:

September 18, 1908, Rev. David Craft, D.D., died at Angelica, N. Y.

September 22, 1908, Rev. Frank E. Van Wie was elected Stated Clerk and treasurer of Presbytery for the unexpired term of Rev. Edward M. Deems, D.D., resigned.

XXVIII. **The Presbytery of Syracuse** consists of thirty-nine ministers, forty-two churches and has under its care four candidates.

Minister received:

December 9, 1907, Rev. Theodore M. Carlisle from the Presbytery of Steuben;

February 18, 1908, Rev. David L. Roberts, from the Presbytery of Utica;

May 12, Rev. Walter Rockwood Ferris, from the Presbytery of Hudson;

Rev. John A. Rodger, from the Central Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers, of New York;

September 22, Rev. Claude Porter Terry, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 14, 1908, David R. Jones from the Presbytery of Lackawanna; Donald H. McKenzie from the Presbytery of Cayuga;

September 21, Paul R. Hoppy by examination.

Candidates licensed:

April 14, 1908, Donald H. McKenzie, and Evan M. Jones.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 7, 1907, between Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D., and the Park Central Church of Syracuse; between Rev. Anthony N. Petersen and the Church of Mexico;

April 14, 1908, between Rev. Emory L. Evans and the Church of Liverpool; between Rev. Francis H. Laird and the Trinity Church of Manlius;

July 20, between Rev. Alvin E. Magary and the First Church of Oswego;

September 21, between Rev. Walter L. Bennett and the Church of Jamesville; between Rev. Samuel G. Palmer and the Church of Collamer.

Ordinations:

May 12, 1908, Donald H. McKenzie;

September 24, Henry Didama Smith.

Installations:

October 15, 1907, Rev. Isaac O. Best, over the Church at Otisco;

December 19, Rev. Theodore M. Carlisle over the Church af Canastota;

February 18, 1908, Rev. David L. Roberts over the Church of Mexico;

May 12, Rev. Donald H. McKenzie over the Trinity Church, Manlius;

June 16, Rev. John A. Rodger over the Church of Skaneateles;

September 22, Rev. Walter Rockwood Ferris over the Park Central Church of Syracuse.

Ministers dismissed:

October 7, 1907, Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia; Rev. Anthony N. Petersen, to the Presbytery of Westchester;

April 13, 1908, Rev. John M. Williams to the Presbytery of Utica;

July 20, Rev. Alvin E. Magary, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

September 21, Rev. Walter L. Bennett, to the Presbytery of Erie; Rev. Samuel G. Palmer, to the Presbytery of Clarion;

September 22, Rev. Henry Didama Smith, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Miscellaneous:

The Church at Pompey Center having become extinct, its name was dropped from the roll.

XXIX **The Presbytery of Troy** consists of thirty-eight ministers and forty churches and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

January 28, 1908, Rev. James G. Carlile from the Presbytery of Atlantic;

April 21, Rev. George A. Armstrong from the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. Daniel H. Martin, D.D., from the Classis of Newark Valley.

Installations:

January 2, 1908, Rev. Henry Hansman over the Church at Middle Granville;

February 6, Rev. James G. Carlile over the Liberty St. Church, Troy;

May 5, Rev. George A. Armstrong over the Silliman Memorial Church, Cohoes;

June 5, Rev. Daniel H. Martin, D D., over the Church at Glens Falls;

September 17, Rev. Henry Hansman over the Church at Schaghticoke.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 31, 1907, between Rev. William M. Johnson, D.D., and the Silliman Memorial Church, Cohoes;

February 9, 1908, between Rev. John R. Mackay, Ph.D., and the Church at Glens Falls;

April 26, between Rev. J. Harvey Dunham and the church at Fort Edward;

April 26, between Rev. John McNab and the Church at Schaghticoke;

July 1, between Rev. Allan McD. Paterson and the church at Mechanicville;

September 1, between Rev. Henry Hansman and the Church at Middle Granville.

Ministers dismissed:

February 9, 1908, Rev. John R. Mackay, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of New York;

April 26, Rev. J. Harvey Dunham to the Presbytery of Minneapolis; Rev. John McNab to the Classis of Albany.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 21, 1908, Herman Louis Meyer;

September 21, John M. Barsam.

Name of minister erased:

September 21, 1908, Rev. Harmon H. Boone.

XXX. **The Presbytery of Utica** consists of fifty-three ministers, forty-four churches and has under its care four candidates.

Ministers received:

April 14, 1908, Rev. Samuel A. Freeman, D D., from the Presbytery of Niagara; Rev. John M. Williams, from the Presbytery of Syracuse; Rev. Aurelian A. Post from the Congregational Association of Western New York; Rev. James A. Cowan, from the Presbytery of Clarion.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

April 14, 1908, Hurlbut G. Gaige.

Candidates licensed:

April 14, 1908, Clarence B. Post, Charles T. Roosa, Claude P. Terry.

Licentiates received:

April 14, 1908, Winfred P. Moody, from the Presbytery of Cayuga;

May 13, Leroy L. Daniel, from the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

April 14, 1908, between Rev. Stanley Upton Mock and the "Waterbury Memorial" Church, Oriskany.

Ordinations:

May 13, 1908, Leroy S. Daniel; Clarence B. Post, Claude P. Terry;
May 26, Winfred P. Moody.

Installations:

October 22, 1907, Rev. Philip H. Cole, D.D., over the Church at Rome;
October 29, Rev. John Cadog Hughes over the Church at Augusta;
May 13, 1908, Rev. Leroy S. Daniel over the "Mount Vernon" Church, Vernon;
May 26, Rev. Winfred P. Moody over the Church at Camden;
May 27, Rev. John M. Williams over the Church at Vernon Center;
June 17, Rev. Samuel A. Freeman, D.D., over the Church at Westernville;
June 29, Rev. Henry White, over the "Stone Church," Clinton.

Ministers dismissed:

January 6, 1908, Rev. David L. Roberts to the Presbytery of Syracuse;
April 14, Rev. Stanley Upton Mock to the Presbytery of Buffalo; Rev. Charles W. Rice to the Presbytery of Champlain.
May 13, Rev. Robert C. Hallock, D.D., (dismissed October 1, 1907 to the Presbytery of Porto Rico and letters returned unused), to the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. Clarence B. Post to the Presbytery of Genesee.
June 29, Rev. Claude P. Terry to the Presbytery of Syracuse;
September 29, Rev. C. Davis Van Wagoner, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Ministers deceased:

October 13, 1907, Rev. James Henry Taylor, D.D., at Clinton, aged 78 years;
February 2, 1908, Rev. Gould Camp Judson, at South Auburn, Pennsylvania, aged 93 years;
February 14, Rev. Daniel C. Tyler, at Oneida, aged 99 years and 3 months;
March 24, Rev. Horace Hews Allen, at Holland Patent, aged 72 years;
July 16, Rev. Israel Newton Terry, D., D., at Utica, aged 57 years;

XXXI. **The Presbytery of Westchester** consists of seventy-five ministers and forty-two churches and has under its care one local evangelist, one licentiate and two candidates.

Ministers received:

January 21, 1908, Rev. Joseph Taylor Britan from the Presbytery of New York; Rev. William F. Perry from the Presbytery of Kansas City;
April 21, Rev. John Francis Johnston from the Presbytery of Chatham of the Presbyterian Church in Canada;

June 16, Rev. J. Fraser Evans from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew of the Presbyterian Church in Canada;

October 6, Rev. Paul Stratton from the Presbytery of North River; Rev. Louis M. Sweet, S.T.D., from the Presbytery of Geneva; Rev. William Arthur Thomas from the Fairfield Association of Congregational Ministers.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

April 20, 1908, Jacob S. Hartzell from the Presbytery of Westminster;

October 6, Domenico Blasi.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 31, 1908, Rev. Arthur Requa and the Springfield First Church;

July 1, Rev. Alvin R. Pennell and the Holyoke First Church.

Installations:

May 4, 1908, Rev. John F. Johnston over the Hartford Church;

May 5, Rev. Joseph Taylor Britan over the South Yonkers Church;

May 7, Rev. William F. Perry over the Pleasantville Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 21, 1908, Rev. Charles H. Van Wie to the Presbytery of Chemung;

April 20, Rev. William W. Breckenridge to the Presbytery of Southern Arizona; Rev. Nathan F. Van Horsen to the Presbytery of Boston;

October 5, Rev. Alvin R. Pennell to the Presbytery of Hudson.

Candidate dismissed:

October 5, 1908, William Crawford to the Presbytery of New Castle.

Church enrolled:

January 21, 1908, South Yonkers Church of Yonkers, N. Y., organized December 8, 1907.

Ministers deceased:

October 9, 1907, Rev. Christopher R. Brown, colored, at Corona, N. Y., aged 67 years;

January 2, 1908, Rev. Charles E. Allison, D.D., at Yonkers, N. Y., aged 60 years.

February 12, Rev. Thornton M. Niven, D.D., at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., aged 71 years.

SUMMARY

Ministers	1267	Licentiates and Local Evangelists	54
Churches	960	Candidates	132

II. ELMIRA COLLEGE

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IV. CHANGES IN OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Cayuga: Rev. Arthur A. McKay, Stated Clerk.

Genesee: Rev. Louis A. Peirson, Treasurer.

New York: Rev. Jesse F. Forbes, D.D., Stated Clerk.

Porto Rico: Rev. Arnold Smith, Stated Clerk.

Steuben: Rev. Frank E. Van Wie, Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Synod of New York (of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America) incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of dollars, to be held or expended by the trustees of said Synod, in conformity with the provisions of said Laws, and the By-laws of said Synod.

VI. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place
1882.	*Henry A. Nelson, D.D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica
1882.	*Howard Crosby, D.D	New York	Utica
1883.	James McLeod, D.D	Buffalo	New York
1884.	John McC. Holmes, D.D	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	*L. Merrill Miller, D.D	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	*Joseph E. Nassau, D.D	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	*Charles C. Wallace, D.D	Boston	Auburn
1888.	*T. Ralston Smith, D.D	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	Samuel Jessup, D.D	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	Andrew V. V. Raymond, D.D	Albany	Lockport
1891.	Asa S. Fiske, D.D	Cayuga	Watertown
1892.	*Levi Parsons, D.D	Rochester	Albany
1893.	*James Gardner, D.D	Albany	Rochester
1894.	George C. Yeisley, D.D	Columbia	New York
1895.	Howard Duffield, D.D	New York	Binghamton
1896.	Ralph E. Prime, LL.D. (Elder)	Westchester	Brooklyn
1897.	Joseph Gamble, D.D	Champlain	Utica
1898.	A. Cameron Mac Kenzie, D.D	Binghamton	Elmira
1899.	James H. Robinson, D.D	Otsego	Troy
1900.	David G. Wylie, D.D	New York	Geneva
1901.	William Waith, Ph.D.	Buffalo	Buffalo
1902.	*William K. Hall, D.D	North River	Albany
1903.	William M. Johnson, D.D	Troy	Ithaca
1904.	Dana W. Bigelow, D.D	Utica	Middletown
1905.	Isaac Jennings, D.D.	Chemung	Syracuse
1906.	Anthony H. Evans, D.D	New York	Lockport
1907.	Samuel W. Pratt, D.D	Steuben	Brooklyn
1908.	John F. Carson, D.D	Brooklyn	Kingston

*Deceased.

VII. REVISED PLAN FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Adopted by Synod, October 1908.

Effective October 1, 1909.

1. The Synod of New York, incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, has placed the administration of the home mission work within the bounds of the State of New York in the hands of a Committee created for that purpose to be known as the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions in the Synod of New York. Such Committee to operate under the following Plan, which provides for an organization as follows:

2. A committee of one Elder in each Church (see Secs. No. 46–47)

3. A Presbyterial Committee on Synodical Home Missions in each Presbytery (see Secs. No. 10 to 26).

4 The Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions, its Executive Committee and officers (see Secs. No. 27 to 41).

THE OBJECT SHALL BE:

*5. To relieve the Board of Home Missions of all direct care of the work within the State of New York (including work among people of foreign speech), and to co-operate with and assist that Board for its work outside of the State.

6. To co-operate with each Presbytery in aiding needy churches, in organizing new churches and in prosecuting Mission Work where needed and not otherwise provided for.

7. To render assistance to Presbyterial Committees in supplying ministers to vacant churches. (See Sec. 10.)

8. To raise funds for the work of Synodical Home Missions in the State of New York, and to distribute them as hereinafter provided.

9. To collect complete statistics of the work of Home Missions and Church Extension in the State of New York, and report the same to the Synod.

PRESBYTERIAL COMMITTEE.

(*Duties.*)

10. Each Presbytery shall have the care of this work within its bounds and shall appoint a Presbyterial Committee on Synodical Home Missions, which shall have the supervision of this work; said committee to be constituted so far as practicable with a view to permanency.

11. The Presbyterial Committee shall receive and consider all applications for aid, and after personal investigation, shall recommend to the Presbytery the amount to be allowed to each church or mission, and such grouping of churches as may be desirable.

12. The Presbyterial Committee shall assist vacant churches with supplies, and shall advise with them for their welfare. It shall also be responsible for all aggressive missionary work within the bounds of the Presbytery and shall report to the Presbytery what new fields should be occupied, and the amount needed to sustain the new work.

(*Commissions.*)

13. The Presbyterial Committee shall issue commissions immediately after meeting of Synod in October to all to whom regular appropriations are made by the Presbytery and shall at once file them in duplicate, one copy with the Presbyterial Treasurer and one copy with the Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions; such commissions to expire with the Synodical year, or cease at any time by the withdrawal of the missionary.

14 Commissions for temporary supplies or for any portion of the Synodical year may be made in the interim in the name of the stated clerk of the session, or of the Treasurer of the church aided, and for mission work in the name of the Presbyterial Treasurer.

(*Applications.*)

15. At the stated fall meeting of the Presbytery, the Presbyterial Committee shall make a complete report for the consideration of the Presbytery, including in it a list of the churches under its care that require aid, together with the names of their pastors, the amount which each church needs for its support and a statement of the amount deemed necessary to expend on its mission work; said reports after approval by the Presbytery to be filed with the General Secretary. (See Sec. 26.)

16. Every church desiring aid shall send an application to the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee on Synodical Home Missions of the Presbytery to which such church belongs, giving a full statement of its condition and relations and the amount needed to insure the support of its minister, and shall furnish a complete list of the members of its congregation, together with the amounts they will agree to give toward the salary of the pastor or stated supply written opposite their respective names, or give a reasonable explanation for its failure to do so. For missions, in lieu of such subscribers' lists a certified amount of moneys collected and expended on the field shall be accepted.

17. For each and every Synodical year all applications for aid must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee of Synodical Home Missions ten days before the September meeting of the Presbytery. The churches at that time having no pastor or missionary expecting to apply for aid at a later date, should send to the Chairman of the Committee a careful estimate of the amount they will require.

*18. Every church assisted from this fund, shall so far as practicable, install its pastor and regularly fulfill its pledges for his support, contribute annually to the boards of the church and to Synodical Home Missions, and strive earnestly to become self-supporting.

19. Each Presbytery shall endeavor to group contiguous churches receiving aid, where there is no immediate prospect of their becoming self-supporting, and for statistical purposes unify its mission work.

*20. Ordinarily it shall be required that aided churches contribute to the salary of the pastor an amount equal to an average of not less than $5.00 per member. Exceptions shall be allowed only for a limited time, and by special vote of Presbytery.

21. If a Presbytery employs a missionary at large to labor in its bounds or makes an appropriation for a temporary supply to churches, when it may not be practical to maintain a pastor, it may include the amount of its estimate for the coming year.

22. If for any reason any Presbytery does not need the whole amount appropriated for its use, the balance shall be subject to the control of the Synod's Committee.

23. No church shall receive aid, except as it secures a recommendation either of the Presbyterial Committee or of its Presbytery, and commissions are filed in accordance with Sections Nos. 13, 14 and 24.

(*Reports.*)

24. Every church or missionary assisted from this fund shall be required to report quarterly to the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee ten days prior to the first day of January, April, July and October of the condition of the work, and upon the receipt and approval of such report, the Chairman shall issue an order on the Treasurer of Presbytery for amount due for services. The Treasurer of Presbytery shall thereupon immediately issue an order upon the Synodical Treasurer for the certified amount, and promptly distribute the money as received.

25. Every church assisted from this fund shall confer with the Presbyterial Committee in calling pastors or supplies and shall report immediately to that Committee their action in such cases.

26. The Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee shall present to the Permanent Committee at its annual meeting a full and detailed list of applications for aid approved by the Presbytery at its Fall meeting, and to the Permanent Committee or its Executive Committee all applications approved by the Presbytery at other times during the year. (See Sec. 15.)

PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS.

27. The Chairman of the Presbyterial Committees on Synodical Home Missions, together with six elders to serve for a term of three years, two to be appointed annually by the Synod ,shall constitute a permanent committee on Synodical Home Missions.

28. It shall be the duty of this committee to convene annually before the meeting of Synod; to make an estimate of the amount needed to carry on the work for the ensuing year; to recommend to the Synod the amount which each Presbytery needs from this fund; and to suggest such methods as may seem best adapted to secure the entire amount; also audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and make an annual report of the work of the Synod (see Sec. No. 40).

29. The Chairman shall call a special meeting at any time upon the request of any five members, but a representation from at least ten Presbyteries shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

30. The General Secretary and Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions shall be ex-officio a member of the Permanent Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

31. The Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions shall appoint from its own number an Executive Committee, which shall have power to act for the Permanent Committee in the interim of its meetings, of which the Chairman of the Permanent Committee shall be Chairman. The General Secretary shall be ex-officio a member and act as Secretary.

32. The Executive Committee shall make a full and detailed report of its actions to the Permanent Committee at the annual meeting, and shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring upon either the Permanent Committee or the Executive Committee during the interim.

OFFICERS.

33. The following officers of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions shall be elected by the Permanent Committee with the approval of Synod, viz.: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer and a Field Secretary, for terms of two years. The Chairman and the Field Secretary to be elected in the odd years, and the Vice-Chairman and the General Secretary and Treasurer to be elected in the even years. The salaries of the General Secretary and Treasurer and of the Field Secretary shall be determined by the Permanent Committee. Newly elected officers shall, unless it be an ad interim appointment, take office on the first of November following election.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN.

34. The Chairman should preside at all meetings of the Permanent and executive Committees and shall have general oversight of their affairs. He shall represent the Synod of New York in the Advisory Council to meet annually with representatives of the Home Board.

35. The Vice-Chairman shall act in the absence or disability of the Chairman.

GENERAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

36. The General Secretary and Treasurer shall receive and administer the funds contributed for Synodical Home Missions in the State of New York, subject to the regulations of the Synod, as prescribed in the foregoing plan; he shall be required to give bonds of the character and amount provided by the Executive Committee, at the expense of the Synod.

37. He shall receipt to donors for contributions, shall deposit in some reliable bank the funds he thus receives, and on the first day of January, April, July and October he shall remit to the Treasurer of each Presbytery the quarterly installments due to that Presbytery on commissions, as provided for in Secs. 13, 14 and 24, or on the order of such Treasurer shall remit to the individual missionaries, ministers or churches, and shall pay such salaries and expenses as are authorized by the Permanent or Executive Committees.

38. He shall keep an accurate account of his receipts and disbursements and shall report the same to the Permanent Committee at its regular annual meetings.

39. It shall likewise be the duty of the Treasurer to send notice to the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committee in each Presbytery that has not contributed its quota, and make request that prompt measures be taken to insure its collection.

40. As General Secretary he shall act as supervising officer under the Chairman, and shall keep all records of both the Permanent and Executive Committees, preparing for the Permanent Committee an annual report for presentation to the Synod (see Sec. No. 28), and perform such other duties as may be assigned him by these committees. He shall represent the Synod of New York at such conferences of self-supporting Synods as may be held from time to time.

FIELD SECRETARY.

41. The Field Secretary shall keep in touch with the requirements of the field, counsel with Presbyterial committees, co-operate with them in encouraging weak churches and securing pastors, and in general foster and develop the work throughout the State, regularly supplying data to the the General Secretary that will enable the Committee at all times to have at hand a roster of vacant pulpits and of available ministers throughout the State.

APPROPRIATIONS TO THE PRESBYTERIES.

42. The Permanent Committee shall consider the reports of the Presbyterial Committees and recommend to Synod the maximum amount which each Presbytery shall be entitled to receive during the next fiscal year, which shall begin October 1st.

43. Immediately upon the adjournment of Synod, the Treasurer shall notify the Chairman of the Presbyterial Committees what action the Synod has taken with reference to their respective Presbyteries.

APPORTIONMENTS.

44. At each annual meeting the Synod, on recommendation of the Permanent Committee, shall apportion the amount required for the next year among the several Presbyteries of the Synod in this State. The total amounts so assigned shall, in turn, be apportioned by the respective Presbyteries among the churches within their bounds in such a manner as they may deem equitable.

45. In order to enable the Synodical Treasurer promptly to pay the appropriations to the Presbyteries, it is essential that contributions for Synodical Home Missions shall be made during October, November or December in each calendar year, or as soon after January 1st as possible.

ANNUAL OFFERINGS FOR SYNODICAL HOME MISSIONS, ETC.

46. The Session of each Church within the State of New York shall give the congregation an opportunity to contribute to the cause of Home Missions and of Synodical Home Missions each year, and shall appoint a member of its body to take charge of the interests of this cause; the name of

this elder to be reported to the Presbyterial Committee on Synodical Home Missions, and a complete list of these names filed by the Presbyterial Committee with the General Secretary.

47. It shall be the duty of the elder appointed by each Session to see that the work of Home Missions and the work of Synodical Home Missions be presented to the congregation and that an opportunity be given for offerings to each; also to systematically distribute all literature sent him on the subject.

48. That no provision of the proposed plan for Synodical Home Mission work shall be understood to interfere with the plans of the Presbyteries conducting their own Home Mission work.

49. That hereafter the annual reports of the Allied Presbyteries be included in the reports of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions.

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*EXCEPTIONS TO SECTIONS 5, 18 AND 20.

In Presbyteries where the expense of sustaining mission work among people of foreign speech is abnormally large and the contributions of the missions abnormally small such Presbyteries may apply to the Board of Home Missions instead of the Synodical Fund for aid

VIII. EXTRACTS FROM THE STANDING RULES.

I.

The annual meetings of Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October at half-past seven o'clock, P.M. The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator to be chosen at the beginning of each annual meeting; a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be chosen for a term of five years, and such Temporary Clerks as shall be chosen at each annual meeting. In case of vacancy in the office of Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk or Treasurer, which shall occur by reason of resignation, death, removal from the bounds of Synod, or from membership of the Presbytery or Church in the Synod, the Moderator, or if he be inaccessible, the last elected Moderator shall appoint, ad interim, a minister or elder to the vacant office, who shall hold the same until Synod shall fill the office. In case any officer of Synod shall by sickness, absence, or otherwise, be incapacitated from performance of the duties of his office, a minister or elder shall in like manner be appointed to perform the duties of the office until the incapacity shall end or until Synod shall take action.

II.

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a standing Committee to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting, which shall be designated prior to the adjournment, and a Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the hours of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for popular meetings.

The Stated Clerk of the Synod shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements for every meeting of Synod. The first order of business, on the second day of the meeting of Synod, after the appointment of Committees and calling of the roll, shall be the hearing of and action upon reports of officers of Synod and of special Committees appointed at previous meetings of Synod.

IV.

Each Presbytery shall, at its Stated Meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible, not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of Ministers and Ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries in the following proportion: Each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and Churches added together is not more than twenty, shall send one Minister and one Elder and so in like proportion for every twenty Ministers and Churches added together, or for any remaining fraction thereof, not less than one-half: Provided that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten Ministers and ten Elders."

V.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod. When alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person to the Clerks of the Synod before their names shall be substituted upon the roll.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VI.

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall have the privileges of the floor; and the chairmen of the committees, appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod, shall be entitled to participate in debate when their reports are under consideration.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of such ministers in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations and their post office addresses

XI.

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceedings by the General rules of Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

XII.

All papers intended for the Synod or its Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him before being referred.

XIII.

The Stated Clerk shall have authority to print in the minutes abstracts of extended reports, excepting those portions which contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod.

XIV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned to the number of their communicants, according to a rate per capita determined at the previous meetings of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be seven mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall teminate.

XV.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

No appropriations shall be made from the Synodical funds without first being referred to the Committee on Finance, and reported upon by that committee. And all appropriations shall lapse if not called for before the close of the Synodical year.

XVI.

Vacancies occurring between the annual sessions of the Synod in any of its committees may be filled *ad interim* by the Moderator.

XVII.

An Executive Commission shall be appointed of which the Moderator of the Synod shall be chairman ex officio, one minister and one elder shall be appointed annually hereafter to serve for three years. The work of this

Commission shall be along the lines of the Executive Commission of the General Assembly, as far as applicable to the work of our Synod.

XVIII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder on the roll, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

IX. NECROLOGY.

Twenty-two of our ministers, during the past year, have completed their earthly course and have gone to their reward. The death angel has spared no age, rank or condition, but men of greater or less distinction have alike responded to his call.

There was the veteran Secretary of Foreign Missions who has electrified so many Assemblies with his appeals, Rev. Frank F. Ellinwood, D.D., such eloquent preachers as Rev. G. Parsons Nichols, D.D., Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D.D., Rev. Peter Lindsay, D.D., Rev. James H. Taylor, D.D., Rev. Israel N. Terry, D.D., Rev. Thornton M. Niven, D.D., the versatile and widely known editor, Rev. Wendell Prime, D.D. Nonagenarians as Rev. Messrs. Gould C. Judson, Daniel C. Tyler, and Samuel J. White, D.D. Two earnest, self-sacrificing Home Missionaries have heard the "Well done good and faithful servant.," Rev. Messrs. Albro L. Greene and David Craft, D.D. Useful men like Rev. Messrs, Horace H. Allen, Henry Neill, Charles E. Allison, D.D., and others less conspicuous, but no less worthy, as Rev. Messrs. Daniel Morrison, William A. Fraser, David Herron, Charles W. Remington, Henry Hickok and Christopher R. Brown.

These all have wrought well their part in the activities of the world and of the church. And they have well won the crowns which the Master will bestow upon them in the day of his appearing.

X. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

I. Systematic Beneficence: *Ministers*—Henry A. Porter, William L. Sawtelle, David Mills, William P. Schell; *Elders*—Thos. McVickers, Charles K. Scoon, Henry A. Hompe.

II. Home Missions: *Ministers*—Charles A. Richmond, N. Woolsey Wells, Charles S. Lane, J. Milton Thompson; *Elders*—John H. MacDonald Howard Whittemore, Mr. McWilliams.

III. Foreign Missions: *Ministers*—C. Waldo Cherry, George C. Yeisley, William R. Richards, Charles McKenzie; *Elders*—John T. D. Blackburn, Harvey S. McLeod, Edgar C. Leonard.

IV. Education: *Ministers*—R. Lew Williams, George W. Warren, William W. Weller, Theodore M. Carlisle; *Elders*—E. B. Russell, Dr. J. C. Fisher, A. P. Storrs.

V. Publication and Sunday School Work: *Ministers*—Asher B. Temple, J. Scott King, Francis S. Haines, Rufus B. Marks; *Elders*—Augustus Denniston, Edwin T. Hanford, Harold B. Woodward.

VI. Church Erection: Alexander G. Russell, Richard S. Campbell, J. Howard Hobbs, Azel H. Fish; *Elders*—John H. Prall, Selah B. Strong, J. Carl Schmuck, M.D.

VII. Ministerial Relief: *Ministers*—Clarence W. Dunham, Robert G. McGregor, Douglas P. Birnie, Benjamin H. Everitt; *Elders*—Sanford R. Knapp, William Matthews, Charles D. Hillis.

VIII. Freedmen: *Ministers*—William P. Swartz, Charles G. Ellis, John R. Mackay, William H. Sybrandt; *Elders*—LeRoy C. Cooley, V. A Reed, Benjamin P. Wayne.

IX. College Aid: *Ministers*—John C. Ball, Frederick W. Palmer, Allen Macy Dulles, A. Cameron MacKenzie; *Elders*—Rathbun J. Hunt, C. C. Swan, H. N. Daggett.

X. Young People's Societies: *Ministers*—Andrew M. Brodie, John W. Brainard, William F. Skinner, Frederick W. Fuess; *Elders*—Rufus L. Sisson, John S. Pettit, Thomas Rutherford.

XI. Temperance: *Ministers*—Edwards P. Cleaveland, Jay T. Badgley, Robert G. Freeman, John W. Ross; *Elders*—Lewis D. Collins, H. Osgood Holland, J. B. Scoville.

XII. Lord's Day Observance: *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, Adrian V. S. Wallace, James M. Craig, Arthur N. Thompson; *Elders*—Gilbert M. Stalker, William McDonald, Miles Martin.

XIII. Evangelastic Work: *Ministers*—Rice B. Hunter, Henry T. McEwen, Charles P. Coit, Murray S. Howland; *Elders*—Charles S. Butler, Robert Anderson.

XIV. Executive Committee Synodical Missions: *Elders*—George P. Conard, Horace B. Silliman, Albert P. Stevens, Alfred E. Marling, Edmund P. Platt, DeWitt C. Hurd; *Ministers*—Henry T. McEwen, George Fairlee, John A. Ingham, Dana W. Bigelow, J. Wilford Jacks.

XI. THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

	Presb's.	Ministers.	Licent's	Loc. Evan.	Candidates.	Churches.	Elders.	Deacons.	Added on Ex.	Added on Cer.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Susp. Roll.	Deceased.	Net Total.	Bap. Conf.	Bap. Infants.
SYNOD OF NEW YORK	31	1295	34	23	146	959	4545	1646	9786	6442	796	6007	5160	2680	206576	3143	5133
1. Albany		67			1	51	246	92	502	318	50	310	223	167	10,868	187	186
2. Binghamton		39				32	148	56	176	218	2	240	38	91	6301	85	80
3. Boston		60			24	40	183	98	556	322	63	246	241	91	7801	84	253
4. Brooklyn		94	2		7	44	251	222	1032	684	21	531	633	231	17,847	126	738
5. Buffalo		67	3	1	8	57	304	72	540	400	18	356	559	146	11,973	166	284
6. Cayuga		39	6			23	116	47	136	138	2	103	32	48	5130	67	61
7. Champlain		21	2			20	57	23	103	45	13	60	17	46	2160	40	40
8. Chemung		27	1			23	88	21	96	101	13	71	21	50	3047	60	44
9. Chile		18				15	35	30	120	37		39	41	12	803	112	79
10. Columbia		18			1	19	57	8	36	26	12	40	25	34	1825	13	16
11. Eastern Persia		12				4									204		
12. Genesee		21				18	91	23	145	81	6	73	112	50	3533	80	45
13. Geneva		27	2		1	20	125	59	110	115	33	150	170	75	5393	56	75
14. Hudson		48			3	46	182	32	169	132	53	168	50	126	6713	47	124
15. Long Island		28	3		1	23	113	20	180	46	1	55	79	75	3947	96	71
16. Lyons		22				17	94	14	101	88	2	66	179	41	3120	56	45
17. Nassau		34	1		1	32	129	42	271	264	46	153	64	56	4743	56	193
18. New York		183	4	2	33	56	404	312	1847	1115	60	1072	575	314	31,459	188	989
19. Niagara		22			2	23	110	16	218	97	30	83	77	42	4,031	70	140
20. North Laos		21	1			18	107	32	280	47	43	31	51	36	3480	115	215
21. North River		42			3	32	152	47	208	125	17	121	106	79	5620	80	109
22. Otsego		29			1	29	114	31	205	118	109	92	129	56	3561	78	69
23. Porto Rico		14		17	28	25	49	17	446	78	1	72	70	27	2415	417	72
24. Rochester		60			1	48	274	34	415	407	38	317	413	155	14,064	181	306
25. St. Lawrence		32		1	4	41	171	28	180	87	15	142	101	90	5665	36	105
26. Siam		11	1	1	10	9	16	2	89	5				5	607	74	19
27. Steuben		31			6	26	117	13	191	107	7	128	124	46	4833	121	58
28. Syracuse		40	3		4	42	210	74	275	369	87	287	413	102	7985	114	173
29. Troy		42			1	40	207	72	327	181	13	199	148	125	8523	114	151
30. Utica		54	4		4	44	208	17	392	201	11	211	339	121	8837	128	139
31. Westchester		72	1	1	2	42	187	92	440	490	30	591	130	143	10,088	96	254

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XI. THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

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72,690	407,715	256,144	19,050	26.720	42,359	23,234	29,518	62,248	9975	21,184.52	2948,197	465,492
9677	13,988	11,423	729	1130	666	938	949	952	442	[1,283 76	191,400	10,746
5050	6876	3718	314	761	714	406	636	342	359	590 00	61,815	1381
6407	2598	2970	287	568	317	364	640	206	226	745 00	104,339	2734
18,417	40,547	24,091	1273	2273	4694	2116	2574	4730	1176	1,822.00	333,925	54,865
11,391	16,785	12,997	1157	1146	573	2014	3058	7067	500	1,461.54	203,126	41,944
3991	3702	4825	392	1851	374	539	1049	237	290	400.01	50,547	1924
1889	2252	1546	120	240	210	118	297	46	99	213.10	27,170	949
2487	1730	1568	300	246	94	147	176	93	47	296.80	34,356	684
1800										51.33	12,347	369
1140	2190	1371	293	208	168	229	391	241	111	167.40	19,570	2536
213												
3214	2535	2353	97	521	160	167	528	153	270	317.54	43,494	2150
3644	5709	4267	351	1228	266	383	1036	1129	344	465.73	51,104	1511
4857	6737	11,345	343	806	402	639	749	438	115	754.36	105,063	4329
3053	3302	4100	206	611	253	456	823	253	412	373.93	46,531	1101
2774	2166	1699	110	225	120	151	220	65	133	310.22	26,332	643
4820	4803	3089	239	813	219	353	341	423	795	525.67	114,524	2197
22,987	201,882	99,406	5379	5242	29,647	7850	4677	41,474	468	3,517.00	551,686	248,801
4051	3021	2683	113	685	153	312	549	99	390	408.24	54,937	1924
2923	1021		2388								1938	
3707	6729	3409	244	792	272	467	1095	375	551	735.32	107,037	3321
2502	2946	1556	249	437	144	312	327	108	100	341.01	39,382	883
2706	149	42	7	7	10	5	5	7		164.72	2158	302
12,243	14,842	10,727	577	918	457	710	2544	390	818	1,404.86	167,409	26,173
4987	7175	3946	274	623	209	539	705	330	107	665.90	54,571	1139
570		104									206	44
3693	2882	2483	124	337	117	168	439	102	202	474.80	46,232	3455
6601	9272	7196	845	758	270	383	850	341	340	806.93	106,126	6784
6043	10,373	8506	1085	1598	724	906	1631	969	212	803.79	126,866	5867
7039	8397	8814	703	602	306	440	1098	532	223	861.40	84,904	12,453
7814	23,106	15,910	851	2094	820	2132	2131	1146	1245	1,222.16	178,502	24,283

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